



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-358, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

25/03608/LIQ-02 Variation and Main Licence

I understand that the December and January 28 days limit has been applied to Vary to over 12 months and thus potentially 28 events over 12 months, is this correct?

I understand that it involves two key aspects amongst four proposed variations. But there appears to be very little information on your web site about the variation and the original main licence. There are no documents listed.

The first interesting comments about traffic through the village and the Fen Road, particularly in respect of extending the licence period to all year rather than December and January.

Not to mention noise issues experienced by residents on the northern side of the village and the Fen.

Can you please send me a copy of the all the key documents e.g. starting with the TMP and EMP for example.

12 months extension / variation is interesting because it raises the potential for all licence holder events to occur simultaneously and Occur and Clash with other licence holder, business, residents and village events adding to traffic issues.

Not to mention village events e.g. Weddings at the Church events at the Passage Hall, the playground and the playing field (Cricket and Football etc) and the Lode Fate as just some examples.

So, there is the potential for two or three events occurring simultaneously causing traffic congestion issues in the village and on the Fen.

Have these considerations been taken into consideration with event clash all year?

Some more details about the examples of other Events:-

Anglesey Abbey now hold events during the day through the year see their web site. They also have use of overflow car parking in the village.

The Shed in Lode Road opens all year around,

The various Polo Sites on the Fen, particularly in the summer and they are located further down / onward on Fen Road.

Lode Fate in the summer

Church Weddings all year

Football and Cricket Matches all year

Passage Hall events all year

In particular the summer the polo fields on the Fen are located to the north of the applicants site, and they hold various events during the year, using the Fen Road which is in a poor state of repair and narrow. They need safe access past the applicants site.

Not to mention maintaining, clear, safe access to all the Village and the Fen for the emergency services (Public Safety)

So, in general, what are the considerations which have been taken into account of the potential detrimental effects on other businesses, licence holders and residents in the village and on the Fen and village events?

Response:

I understand that the December and January 28 days limit has been applied to Vary to over 12 months and thus potentially 28 events over 12 months, is this correct?

Yes

Can you please send me a copy of the all the key documents e.g. starting with the TMP and EMP for example.

This information is available on our website at: Licensing (statutory) Sub-Committee 06/11/2025 | East Cambridgeshire District Council

This information is therefore refused under Section 21 – Information Accessible Via Other Means.

In respect of those requests that were answered in full or partially and the total refused please take this as notice under FOIA, that we:

a) Consider the information as exempt from disclosure under the Act:

b) Claim exempt under sections of the Act:

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

c) State why the exemption applies:

The information requested is accessible to you via other means at:

Section 21 states the following:

- 1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under Section 1 is exempt information.
- 2) For the purposes of subsection (1) –
 - a. Information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and
 - b. Information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

Therefore, as the Council publish this information, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Act.

Have these considerations been taken into consideration with event clash all year?

No considerations have been taken into account at this time because the application has been referred to the Licensing (Statutory) Sub-Committee for determination on the 6th November 2025. At this meeting all facts relating to the application, the objections received and the impact on the licensing objectives will be considered.

So, in general, what are the considerations which have been taken into account of the potential detrimental effects on other businesses, licence holders and residents in the village and on the Fen and village events?

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This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-358.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.