



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-366, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

Please provide the following information for each of the financial years

(a) 2022/23

(b) 2023/24

(c) 2024/25:

1. Please provide details of how the council determines its charges or fees for Planning Performance Agreements.
2. Please state the total income received by the council from Planning Performance Agreements in each of the last three financial years.
3. Please confirm the number of major residential planning applications (those of more than 10 units):
 - a. Received by the council in each of the last three financial years; and
 - b. Determined under a Planning Performance Agreement in each of those years.
4. Please provide details of average PPA charges in the 2024/25 financial year for sites of:
 - a. Under 150 units
 - b. 150-499 units
 - c. 500-999 units
 - d. 1,000 units +

Response:

1. We will provide a bespoke quote based upon the likely complexity and time required to provide a response. The minimum baseline price is as indicated in the table below. Such fees will include technical specialists, but should any external reports be required applicants will be expected to pay for these (before they are commissioned – with fees to be agreed).

Comprehensive advice that may require the input of a number of officers. It is sometimes not necessary to hold a meeting or to carry out a site visit and attendance at a site visit or a meeting will be at the discretion of the Council.

Planning performance agreements are individual to each applicants requirements and will depend on the amount of meetings or other reviews required as well as the complex issues likely to require discussion, Therefore they are usually agreed with the applicant and can contain either fee review mechanisms or the ability to extend the agreement. All fees are agreed ahead of work being carried out by all parties.

The response will usually where required consist of a written and where appropriate verbal feedback at a meeting prior to the issuance of the response. The below are a guide and a starting point for larger schemes. Most PPA schemes are strategic in their nature and thus significantly larger than the below. A PPA also can last the lifetime of the planning application as well as the pre-application phase (and the fees below purely relate to pre-application works).

Fee Type	Fee	Case Officer Hours

100 or more residential units	£7336	Max 25 Hours
Residential development (where the proposed number of units is not specified) with a site area of four hectares or more	£4192	Max 25 Hours
Provision of 10,000 square metres or more of floor space for other uses e.g. equestrian/retail commercial/industrial/mixed development	£4192	Max 25 Hours
Development of land for other uses, for example, equestrian/retail/commercial/industrial/mixed development with a site area of two hectare or more	£4192	Max 25 Hours
Any subsequent response to further amendments	£524	N/A
An hour of additional officer (including specialist) time (to be agreed and paid in advance)	£105	N/A
Any subsequent meeting	£524	N/A

2.

2022/23 - £4800

2023/24 - £104 200

2024/25 – N/A – utilisation of Pre-App

3.

a.

- 2022/23: 2 x Outline Application, 1 x Full Application, 6 x Reserved Matters, 13 x Variation of Condition, 1 x Environmental Statement Outline

- 2023/24: 3 x Outline Application, 2 x Full Application, 3 x Reserved Matters, 1 x Variation of Condition

- 2024/25: 3 x Outline Application, 4 x Reserved Matters, 4 x Variation of Condition

b.

- 2022/23 - 1

- 2023/24 - 0

- 2024/25 - 0

4. There were no PPA charges in the 2024/25 financial year.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-366.

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.