



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-421, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following details relating to your local authority's property licensing requirements, as currently in force and under consultation:

1. A list of all property licensing schemes operating, and under consultation, within your jurisdiction, including:

- Selective licensing schemes
- Additional licensing schemes (please specify which apply to properties falling under Section 254 and Section 257 of the Housing Act 2004)
- Mandatory licensing schemes for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs)
- Short-Term Let Schemes or restrictions

For each scheme, please supply the following information:

- The areas or wards covered
- The start/end (or renewal) date for each scheme
- Eligibility criteria for properties
- Types of properties included under Section 254 and 257 for additional licensing, if relevant
- Fee structure and any applicable discounts
- The current number of properties licensed under each scheme

2. Article 4 HMO Direction and Short-Term Let Schemes or Restrictions in force and under consultation for:

Details of any planning directives Article 4 HMO Direction and Short-Term Let Schemes or Restrictions in force and under consultation, including:

- The precise areas they cover - map and list of streets/properties
- The date implemented or proposed
- Types of properties affected

Response:

1.
 - East Cambridgeshire District Council does not operate a Selective Licensing scheme.
 - This information is available on our website. Please see: [HMO licensing information | East Cambridgeshire District Council](#)
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 - East Cambridgeshire District Council does not operate a Short Term Let scheme
2.
 - This information is available on our website. Please see: [Conservation areas | East Cambridgeshire District Council](#)

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.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-421.

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.