



EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-212, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

Please provide information on whether or not you employ an access officer(s).

Notes: They do not need to have the specific job title of access officer for you to respond affirmatively.

The role may be defined as having responsibility for any one or all of the following and may be split between more than one person;

- Respond to requests, comments and complaints from all concerned with disability access • prepare adaptation programmes, including budgets, and monitor progress • carry out surveys, feasibility studies, drawings, specifications, contract documentations and supervise their implementation • give advice on all access design issues: transport, pavements, damaged kerbs, road crossings, highways schemes, traffic calming, parking and street furniture.
- Assist in the development of appropriate access plan policies and design guidance, primarily through implementing supplementary planning guidance • provide technical consultation and interpretation on applications that justify detailed input and provide guidance to development control officers on when to consult • be available for pre-application consultations on larger applications.
- Co-ordinate the consultation process with statutory consultees, such as English Heritage, Building Control and the Statutory Highway Authority • co-ordinate and manage the Council's training programme for new and existing officers, in particular in development control • liaise with neighbouring authorities and national bodies • establish a local access group where one does not exist, encourage and support the local access group and ensure that disabled people and other appropriate voluntary groups are effectively involved in the planning process. Servicing regular planning application consultation meetings and providing accessible transport and meeting rooms can be supportive

Response:

East Cambridgeshire District Council does not employ an 'Access Officer', however one of our Planning Senior Support staff does have involvement with access groups.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-212.

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.