



# EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-216, please find your question and our response below.

## **Request:**

Please confirm whether East Cambridgeshire District Council holds information relating to the use of devices used to scare wildlife at domestic properties and elsewhere, frequency, noise levels, and the policy and regulations governing enforcement.

## **Response:**

East Cambs records complaints received from residents on the use of wildlife scaring devices.

From April 2019 to the present date 8 separate complaints of disturbance have been received. All relate to the use by farmers of bird scaring devices. None relate to noise from devices to scare wildlife at domestic properties.

Officers investigate to identify the source of the complaint and, if identified, correspondence is sent to the landowner advising of the complaint, providing advice on how to minimize noise impacts and directing the subject to the code of practice for use of such devices. <https://www.nfuonline.com/updates-and-information/protecting-your-crop-nfu-bird-scarers-code-of-practice/>

East Cambs also has an information leaflet on its website

[https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/sites/default/files/pollution/bird\\_scarer\\_noise\\_advice\\_leaflet\\_13627.pdf](https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/sites/default/files/pollution/bird_scarer_noise_advice_leaflet_13627.pdf)

Officers investigate under the statutory nuisance provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 or under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. No formal enforcement has had to be taken for bird scarers in the period since April 2019.

Noise monitoring has not had to be undertaken when addressing these complaints.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-216.

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](mailto: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.