



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-269, please find your question and our response below.

**Request:**

Please can you provide the following information about each planning appeal cost award or partial cost award made against your council (including information for any now-defunct councils that have been merged into your council) by planning inspectors between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2023:

- Date of cost award decision
- Date of appeal decision letter (if different to date of costs award decision)
- Has the amount of the cost award been determined (yes/no)?
- Amount of sum negotiated between the applicant and council for cost award (£)
- Was the decision that was the subject of the appeal made against officer recommendation (£)?
- PINS case reference number

Please could you also provide the following information about each planning appeal cost award or partial cost award made against an applicant in your council's favour by planning inspectors between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2023 (please include information for any now-defunct councils that have been merged into your council):

- Date of cost award decision
- Date of appeal decision letter (if different to date of costs award decision)
- Has the amount of the cost award been determined (yes/no)?
- Amount of sum negotiated between the applicant and council for cost award (£)
- Was the decision that was the subject of the appeal made against officer recommendation (yes/no)?
- PINS case reference number

**Response:**

Please see the table below, detailing applications where costs were awarded against us, there were no costs awarded in the Council's favour.

The remaining requested information regarding the applications and the appeal documents, including the costs decisions, can be found on public access. Please enter the Planning Application No at: [Simple Search \(eastcambs.gov.uk\)](http://SimpleSearch(eastcambs.gov.uk))

Planning Application No	Appeal Ref No	Date of Appeal Decision	Amount
16/01772/FUM	APP/V0510/W/17/3191847	26/09/2018	13886.25
18/01631/FUL	APP/V0510/W/19/3227331	16/08/2019	3000.00
16/01121/FUM	APP/V0510/W/19/3243700	17/02/2021	26010.00
19/00717/OUM	APP/V0510/W/21/3282449	11/02/2022	755.00

The remaining 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:

**1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under Section 1 is exempt information.**

**2) For the purposes of subsection (1) –**

**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.**

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-269.

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.