

EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-305, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I am reaching out with an FOI request for polling district or ward-level election results for any general elections for which they can be tabulated. I am agnostic about whether these results include postal votes or not, and in fact I believe the latter is necessary as postal votes probably cannot be assigned to any particular ward. I am also aware that some degree of vote-mixing is done at the polling district level.

Response:

Please see: <u>Election Results | East Cambridgeshire District Council (eastcambs.gov.uk)</u> for all Election Results, including Parliamentary Elections.

These results include the ballot papers validly submitted at polling stations and via postal voting. Ballot papers, including from postal votes, from their relevant polling districts are kept together and are not mixed with papers from other districts.

For a parliamentary election, all the votes from each polling district are collated to produce the final figures.

In respect of those requests that where 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 23/24-305.

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.