

Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-309, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

We would be grateful if you could provide us with a list from your planning database of any prior approvals submitted for office to residential (dwellinghouses), storage or distribution centre to residential, light industrial to residential, retail to residential, financial and professional services to residential, betting shops to residential, pay day loan shops to residential, laundrettes to residential, casinos and amusement arcades to residential and agricultural to residential (Class M, Class MA, Class N, Class O, Class P, Class PA and Class Q under the GPDO) submitted from 1 May 2013 to 30 April 2023. We would need the list to show the reference number from your database, the full site address, the dates of application, the description of the application, and the decision outcome. If the number of proposed dwellinghouse units and Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) were readily available as part of any such list this would also be helpful.

If possible, it would also be helpful to have an export from your planning database of any cases where there was a full planning permission for change of use for the same dates. We would only be interested in changes from another use to residential, but I don't know how easy that is to pick out for you, but perhaps we can if you are able to send the wider list of change of use applications. This would help where some schemes may have done a prior approval as a fall back, then a planning permission which was implemented instead and so are not really PD-created schemes at all – in which case if we address match between the two lists, we can hopefully spot those too.

Response:

Please see the attached excel spreadsheet.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-309.

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.