



# EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-364, please find your question and our response below.

## **Request:**

1. Have you received communication from Natural England, or consultants on behalf of Natural England, concerning recreational impacts in Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) as a result of new housing development?
2. Has Natural England designated any part of this local authority a Zone of Influence (ZOI)?
3. If yes, how much land (km) is currently designated a ZOI?
4. Have you been advised to implement an exclusion zone due to the impact of net increases in development?
5. If yes, how large is the boundary of the exclusion zone?
6. Have you been advised to implement a presumption against net increases of residential development in specified areas of the local authority due to a ZOI?
7. How many homes are currently help up as a result of the interim position?
8. Have you worked with any developers to agree a recreational impact mitigation scheme and allow home building to resume?

## **Response:**

Natural England do not currently comment on planning applications.

1. No
2. No
3. n/a
4. No
5. n/a
6. No
7. n/a
8. n/a

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-364.

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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.

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