



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-373, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I am writing to you to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This request applies specifically to Class A premises, which includes shops and retail premises such as restaurants.

1. Please state the number of applications to open new A category outlets in the following years by type:

	2021 (Jan – Dec)	2022 (Jan – Dec)	2023 (Jan – Dec)
A1- Shops			
A2 – Financial and professional services			
A3- Restaurants and cafes			
A4- Drinking establishments			
A5- hot food takeaways			

2. Please state how many applications for new category A outlets were approved in the following years by type:

	2021 (Jan – Dec)	2022 (Jan – Dec)	2023 (Jan – Dec)
A1- Shops			
A2 – Financial and professional services			
A3- Restaurants and cafes			
A4- Drinking establishments			
A5- hot food takeaways			

3. For 2023, please state how many applications were received for change of use from one class to another by type. E.g., if you received 10 applications from A1 properties, looking to change to A2, please detail below.

	Convert to: A1	A2	A3	A4	A5
Convert from: A1- Shops	X				
A2 – Financial and professional services		X			
A3- Restaurants and cafes			X		
A4- Drinking establishments				X	
A5- hot food takeaways					X

4. How much do you currently charge for a change of use application?

Response:

Please see attached spreadsheet which lists all applications validated or decided between 01/01/2021 and 31/12/2023 and have a development type code of Q2 or Q14 which relate to Offices/R&D/Light industry or that contain any of the words listed below in the proposal;

- shop
- retail
- restaurant
- A1
- A2
- A3
- A4
- A5

From this spreadsheet you should be able to find the information you require.

With regard to Q4. planning fees are set nationally by government and the most recent planning fee schedule can be found on the Planning Portal website

(https://ecab.planningportal.co.uk/uploads/english_application_fees.pdf)

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-373.

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@eastcamb.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.