



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-420, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

1. Details of any discussions relating to the option of introducing a by-law to prevent parking specifically on the open space at Thirlwell Drive/Newport Avenue, or generally.
2. A sample of other locations where similar fencing has been used in a built-up residential area, specifically to prevent parking. Please include visual plan/map of the area(s).
3. Any documentation exploring other options considered for the open space on Thirlwell Drive/Newport Avenue (or generally), including any cost-benefit analysis or quotes that may have been commissioned.

Response:

1. No specific discussions around Thirlwell Drive / Newport Avenue have taken place. Additionally, general discussions regarding all types of enforcement, including by-laws have been investigated by the Councils' Legal services and Parks & Open Spaces Manager as recently as May 2023.
2. Woodfen Road, Littleport [Woodfen Rd - Google Maps](#); New Close Road Little Thetford [New Cl Rd - Google Maps](#); Ely Road Sutton [1 B1381 - Google Maps](#)
3. The information sought is not held. The method used is tried and tested and very effective in many other locations within East Cambridgeshire district. It has been considered the most effective and cost-effective method to protect the open space and most importantly enables the area to be used for recreation safely. It is also the most common method used by developers as part of their landscaping schemes. This question is therefore refused under Section 12(4)(a) Information Not Held:
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 12(4)(a) – Information Not Held
 - c) State why the exemption applies:
Regulation 12 (4) a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that (a) it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-420.

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.