



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-472, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I am writing to request information regarding heat pump planning applications in your area.

Could you please provide the following information for each year from 2015 to the most recent year with available data:

- The total number of heat pump planning applications received by your council broken down by heat pump type (e.g. water source, air source, ground source, shared loop ground source).
- The number of heat pump planning applications that were granted broken down by heat pump type (e.g. water source, air source, ground source, shared loop ground source).
- The average time taken to process a heat pump planning application, from submission to approval broken down by heat pump type (e.g. water source, air source, ground source, shared loop ground source) including specifying the longest and shortest timeframe.

If it is not possible to complete the above request broken down by heat pump type, please omit this part of the request and instead provide the overall figures of all heat pumps.

If it is not possible to receive information as far back as 2015, please start with the oldest year on record.

Response:

The information requested is available to view on our Planning Portal Public Access page at: [Simple Search \(eastcambs.gov.uk\)](https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/simple-search) Type in 'heat pump' and it brings back results for heat pump planning applications. From those results you will be able to see the type of pump, planning decision and length of time to decision.

In respect of those requests which are answered in full, or partially and / or 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:

The information requested is accessible to you via other means. The information is included in our Open Data page at www.eastcambs.gov.uk/notices/open-data

Section 21 states the following:

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 23/24-472.

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.