



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-488, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to formally make a request regarding the number of reports of dog fouling complaints and the measures the council is taking to stop such complaints.

I would like information on the following:

1. How many complaints have you had in the last 12 months (March 2023-March 2024) about dog poo/dog waste being reported in public areas - i.e. in parks, on pavements, walkways, public fields, etc.?
2. How many complaints have you had in the last 12 months (March 2023-March 2024) about dog poo/dog waste being reported on private property - i.e. someone's front garden, driveway, path, etc?
3. How many complaints did you have in the 12 months prior (March 2022-March 2023) about dog poo/dog waste being reported in public areas?
4. How many complaints did you have in the 12 months prior (March 2022-March 2023) about dog poo/dog waste being reported on private property - i.e. someone's front garden, driveway, path, etc?
5. How many people were prosecuted or issued with a fixed penalty notice for not cleaning up dog waste/dog poo between March 2023-March 2024?
6. How many people were prosecuted or issued with a fixed penalty notice for not cleaning up dog waste/dog poo between March 2022-March 2023?
7. How many dog poo/dog waste bins do you have, as of March 2024? This includes dedicated dog poo/dog waste bins as well as public litter bins that accept dog waste.
8. How many dog poo/dog waste bins did you have as of March 2023? This includes dedicated dog poo/dog waste bins as well as public litter bins that accept dog waste.
9. Do you have any plans to increase the number of dog poo/dog waste bins?
10. Do you have any plans to decrease the number of dog poo/dog waste bins?
11. If so, on either question 9 or 10, by how many - please state a number rather than a percentage.

Response:

1. 57
2. Our system doesn't allow complaints on private property
3. 49
4. Our system doesn't allow complaints on private property
5. 1
6. 0
7. 309
8. 309
9. We don't have any plans but if the need arises following the monitoring process or if we have requests from the public they would be considered.
10. We don't have any plans but if the need arises following the monitoring process or if we have requests from the public they would be considered.
11. N/A

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-488.

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.