



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 24/25-109, please find your question and our response below.

**Request:**

I am hunting for preferably old applications that proposed an isolated dwelling under special circumstances; known to date as paragraph 84 and formerly known as paragraph 55, 79 and 80.

I am looking for the best way of finding them as the keyword search often doesn't bring many or any up, so I am hoping you have record of them somewhere.

Policy paragraph 84e wording:

Planning policies and decisions should avoid the development of isolated homes in the countryside unless one or more of the following circumstances apply:

e) the design is of exceptional quality, in that it: - is truly outstanding, reflecting the highest standards in architecture, and would help to raise standards of design more generally in rural areas; and - would significantly enhance its immediate setting, and be sensitive to the defining characteristics of the local area.

**Response:**

As far as we are aware there is no requirement nor any system currently in place to demarcate 'Para 84' of the NPPF (or 80, 79 or 55) applications from other applications, other than if the Applicant were to offer this within their description of development. As these applications are not a 'type' of development, but rather seeking to engage a specific national policy, they are encapsulated by the standard /FUL suffix or in more universal terms fall under a standard detailed consent type.

Notwithstanding, from Officer review and recollection, we can offer the following applications that were approved, refused or are being currently considered under 'Para 84' of the NPPF or its predecessors (this being between the present day and 2012 when the NPPF was first introduced).

**22/01094/FUL (and 22/01485/FUL)** – Poppies, Eye Hill Drove (refused)

**15/01313/OUT and 17/00567/RMA** (as set out within the Committee Report, the interpretation at the time was that Para 55 was engaged/satisfied) – Cherry Tree Lane/The Butts, Soham (approved)

**21/00363/FUL** – Levell Cottage, Kirtling (pending consideration)

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 24/25-109.

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@eastcambbs.gov.uk](mailto:foi@eastcambbs.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.