



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 24/25-160, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

- 1) The number of complaints your council received in relation to the electoral leaflet of independent candidate, Rob Rawlins , between 1st June 2024 and 20th July 2024.
- 2) A sample of one or two of these complaints with identifying features, names, address, emails addresses redacted.
- 3) A sample of a response issue to the council of one of these complaints.

Response:

This information is not held. East Cambridgeshire District Council do not take complaints again candidates and their campaigning. Complainants were directed to the Electoral Commission and / or to the candidate themselves.

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 24/25-160.

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.