



# EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 21/22-122 please find your question and our response below.

## Request:

We would be grateful if you could supply, in electronic format, information on:

1. The number, name (where known), location and size of areas designated as 'Local Green Space' (in accordance with the definition set by the NPPF) within current (adopted or made) development plandocuments within your local authority area.
2. which development plan document (adopted local plan or made neighbourhood plan) each local green space is defined in, and the year the plan was adopted or made.
3. the reasons for their designation. The NPPF gives guidance on justifying a local green space designation due to beauty, historical significance, recreational value, tranquillity or richness of wildlife. We would like to know whether the local green space falls into one or more of these categories.

## Response:

1&3.

Each of the above listed Neighbourhood Plans is accompanied by an assessment of green spaces against the criteria for designation set out in the government's national planning policies. These documents provide information which satisfies the requested info in points 1 and 3.

- Fordham Open Spaces Assessment Report, available at: [Fordham Open Space Assessment.pdf \(eastcambs.gov.uk\)](#)
- Sutton Local Green Space Assessment, available at: [Local Green Space Assessment October 2018.pdf \(eastcambs.gov.uk\)](#)
- Witchford Neighbourhood Plan Local Green Space Designations Report, available at: [WFD Local Green Space Designation.pdf \(eastcambs.gov.uk\)](#)

2.

Within East Cambridgeshire, the following Neighbourhood Plans include policies which designate Local Green Spaces:

- Fordham Neighbourhood Plan – made 18 December 2018 – see Policy 3, available at: [FordhamNPRefVrsn310818.pdf \(eastcambs.gov.uk\)](#)
- Sutton Neighbourhood Plan – made 30 May 2019 – see Policy NP1, available at [Sutton 4.4 Exam Report.pdf \(eastcambs.gov.uk\)](#)
- Witchford Neighbourhood Plan – made 21 May 2020 – see Policy WNP GI2, available at: [Witchford Neighbourhood Plan 2019 – 2031 \(eastcambs.gov.uk\)](#)

For the avoidance of doubt, East Cambridgeshire's adopted Local Plan does not designate Local Green Spaces.

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 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

- c) State why the exemption applies:

**The information requested is accessible to you via other means. 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 21/22-122

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](mailto: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.