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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 22/23-413, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

This FOI request arises out of a report that a washing-machine-sized data centre is being used to heat a Devon public swimming pool. I understand the Exmouth pool uses ~222,000 kWh of gas to heat the pool a year. Deep Green provides ~139,284kWh a year of heat for free from its data centre. This equates to 62% of the heating needs of the pool.

This translates to a cost saving of £20,391 a year for the pool and a carbon saving of 25.8 tonnes.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-64939558>

<https://eastdevon.gov.uk/news/2023/03/exmouth-swimming-pool-is-heated-by-a-uk-first-in-technology-heating-solutions/>

Please advise:

1. Whether you use similar technology in any swimming pools you own, fund or manage and if so any estimates you have of annual financial and carbon savings as a result.
2. Whether you have any plans to use similar technology in any swimming pools you own, fund or manage and if so any estimates you have of annual financial and carbon savings you expect to achieve as a result.

Response:

1. No

2. No

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 22/23-413

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.