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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-256, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

1. The total number of applications made for the construction of tiny homes, eco homes, or homes built from shipping containers in the UK over the last 12 months, 3 years, and 5 years, respectively.
2. A breakdown of the number of applications mentioned above by year, specifying the number of applications for each of the last 12 months, 3 years, and 5 years.
3. The number of applications that were approved for the construction of tiny homes, eco homes, or homes built from shipping containers over the last 12 months, 3 years, and 5 years, respectively.
4. A breakdown of the number of approvals mentioned above by year, specifying the number of approvals for each of the last 12 months, 3 years, and 5 years.
5. The number of applications that were rejected for the construction of tiny homes, eco homes, or homes built from shipping containers over the last 12 months, 3 years, and 5 years, respectively.
6. A breakdown of the number of rejections mentioned above by year, specifying the number of rejections for each of the last 12 months, 3 years, and 5 years.
7. Information on the geographic distribution of these applications and approvals, including details on the regions or local authorities where they were filed and granted.
8. Any specific policies, guidelines, or criteria that local authorities use to evaluate applications for tiny homes, eco homes, or homes built from shipping containers.
9. Any available data or insights regarding the reasons for rejections of these applications.
10. Information on any trends or changes in the number of applications, approvals, or rejections for such housing types over the specified time periods.
11. Any other relevant information or insights that may assist in understanding the process and success rates of obtaining permissions for these housing types.

Response:

1. East Cambridgeshire District Council does not hold information for applications for the 'UK', as it only deals with applications for East Cambridgeshire. Regarding applications in the East Cambs district only, please see our Public Register is available at [Simple Search \(eastcambs.gov.uk\)](http://Simple Search (eastcambs.gov.uk)) where you can search for new dwellings or change of use of land to site caravans (which may include the tiny homes & eco homes)
2. As Q1
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5. As Q1
6. As Q1
7. As Q1
8. East Cambridgeshire District Council does not have specific policies, guidelines or criteria it uses to evaluate applications for tiny homes, eco homes, or homes built from shipping containers.
9. Information not held
10. Information not held
11. Information not held

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) –

a. 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.

Therefore, as the Council publish this information, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Act.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-256.

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.