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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-344, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

Please will you provide me with your councils' policy for addressing poor housing conditions in residential mobile (park) homes. If you do not have a policy, please provide details of the process or procedure used to assess and address poor housing standards in residential mobile homes in East Cambridgeshire.

Response:

Park homes cannot be assessed using the Housing, Health and Safety Rating System contained within the Housing Act 2004 therefore the ECDC Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy 2022 cannot be applied to address poor housing conditions.

Park home properties, if occupied by tenants and a complaint is received about the conditions within it, must be assessed using the nuisance provisions of section 79(1)(a) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA 1990), that is premises in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance. If a park home is occupied by an owner occupier, then again, we would have to assess any concerns raised about its condition under the EPA 1990.

On receipt of a complaint about the condition of a park home an inspection is always undertaken prior to deciding the most appropriate course of action.

Annual inspections of all the larger residential park home sites within the district are undertaken. External conditions such as fire safety, roadways, lighting etc. are assessed for compliance with the site licence conditions. Park homes appearing in a poor condition would potentially be identified at this time and discussions held with the park owner as to the tenure, contact details of the occupier/owner etc, for follow up investigations.

Disabled facility and other discretionary repair grants are available for eligible occupiers of Park Homes and in the past such financial support has addressed problems with poor thermal insulation, accessibility, bathing facilities etc.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-344.

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.

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