



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 24/25-031, please find your question and our response below.

**Request:**

I would like to request the following information regarding Tax Increment Financing (TIF) in your Council:

- 1) Is the Council currently making use of tax increment financing (retaining business rate increases above a set baseline, for a set period, in a designated area? For clarification, this practice is sometimes also known as 'business rate borrowing', although it does not have to involve borrowing.
- 2) If so,
  - a. Could you please provide a map of the designated area(s)?
  - b. Could you please provide a list of postcodes that fall within the designated area(s)?
  - c. Please provide a short description of the purpose of using TIF (e.g., for regeneration of the designated area).
    - i. Has any investment taken place in relation to TIF? If so, could you please provide a short description of the type of investment, timelines, and amount invested?
  - d. When did the TIF mechanism come into effect, and for which period (e.g., in April 2013, for a period of 25 years).
  - e. Has the Council taken out any borrowing to be repaid through the retained business rates? If so, could you please state how much was borrowed, and who the lender was (e.g., £XX borrowed through bond issuance, £XX borrowed from the PWLB, etc.).

**Response:**

East Cambridgeshire District Council does not use tax increment financing.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 24/25-031.

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.