



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 24/25-035, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

All asbestos related documentation that you hold in relation to renovation of the council owned Airey housing property portfolio...in the villages of Burwell and Soham in Cambridgeshire during the 1970s.

Our request includes but is not limited to the following information:

1. Any and all asbestos surveys carried out or held in relation to the Airey Houses at any time.
2. Any and all memoranda in relation to levels of asbestos fibres at the Airey Houses.
3. Any and all reports both internally and externally provided in relation to the monitoring of asbestos fibre levels for as long as you have records for at the Airey Houses.
4. Any and all minutes of health and safety committee meetings in relation to asbestos exposure for as long as you have records for at the property development.
5. Any and all communications with the Health and Safety Executive in relation to levels of asbestos fibres for as long as you have records for at the Airey Houses.
6. Any and all documentation relating to any risk assessments carried out in relation to the risks from dust/fibres from asbestos sheets, asbestos wool, asbestos wire, asbestos cord, asbestos rope, raw asbestos, and asbestos roofing sheets at the premises, to include details of any health and safety measures employed or considered in relation to the handling, cutting/sawing, drilling and fitting of the asbestos material.
7. Any and all asbestos surveys or documentation in relation to the presence and location of asbestos at the Airey Houses.

Response:

In March 1993 East Cambridgeshire District Council transferred all housing stock, the social housing register, and all historic paperwork to Hereward Housing, now known as Sanctuary Housing.

I checked with the following departments: Building Control, Environmental Services, Home Improvement Agency (Care & Repair), Legal and Strategic Planning to see if they hold any information relating to previously council owned Airey homes in the district. They have all confirmed that they do not hold any information.

We therefore confirm that East Cambridgeshire District Council no longer holds the requested information.

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 12(4)(a) – Information Not Held

- c) State why the exemption applies:

Regulation 12 (4) a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that (a) it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 24/25-035.

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.