



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 24/25-038, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

This is a request for information relating to the acquisition of land on the Hythe, Reach, Cambridgeshire by Newmarket Rural District Council (NRDC) in the 1960s. A sewage works was subsequently installed by NRDC on the site in 1967.

- a. Of particular interest would be ownership of the land prior to acquisition. I understand that the land may have been communally owned.
- b. Payments or undertakings made at the time of acquisition.
- c. Plans of the site, especially detailed topographic plans of the Hythe prior to construction and engineering details of the construction itself. I believe that the site of the sewage works sits on top of the wharves of the medieval port of Reach.
- d. Any indications of where other papers relating to the sewage works might be held.

Response:

East Cambridgeshire District Council holds no information in relation to the acquisition of land at The Hythe, Reach.

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 24/25-038.

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.