



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 24/25-055, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information (FOI) act, I am writing to you with the following requests for information:

1. How many sites owned by the council are allocated for development in the local plan?
2. What is the total size of these sites (preferably expressed in ha²)
3. Details of the allocated sites held by the council, including size and current use.

Response:

1.2

2. The Grange - 0.7 Hectares / Paradise Area – not recorded

3.

Site 1 is currently the Council's Offices in Ely. Extract from the local plan:

Policy ELY 2: Retail-led / mixed use allocation, The Grange, Nutholt Lane Approximately 0.7 hectares of land is allocated for a retail-led / mixed use development on land at The Grange, Nutholt Lane, comprising:

- *Approximately 4200m² of comparison retail floorspace.*
- *Approximately 50 dwellings, mainly provided in flats above (or a mix of dwellings and offices).*
- *A new public open space to the rear of Sessions House. Redevelopment schemes should maximise the provision of A1 comparison (non-food) retail floorspace whilst adhering to the requirements below. Redevelopment will require public car parking to be relocated off-site; it must be demonstrated that equivalent provision will be delivered either on the Paradise site, another appropriate centrally located site or mitigated through other measures.*

Site 2 is the Paradise site in Ely. The former pool has been demolished and is now under construction for 13 new homes. The paradise centre and car park are still in use. Extract from the local plan:

Policy ELY 3: A Vision for Paradise area The Paradise area will be redeveloped as a mixed-use scheme, providing residential uses, car parking and community uses as appropriate. The development will enhance Ely Conservation Area and be sympathetic to the setting, appearance and character of the historic setting including incorporating views of the cathedral. New pedestrian links to the city centre will be provided and a new vehicular access will be provided from Deacon's Lane if feasible. Multi-storey car parking will be provided to support the city centre. The total area of Paradise Field will be retained and development will create a positive frontage to this important open space.

Further narrative is available in the adopted local plan at page 166/167- [East Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2015 \(as amended 2023\) \(eastcambbs.gov.uk\)](https://www.eastcambbs.gov.uk/LocalPlan2015)

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 24/25-055.

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.