



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 24/25-100, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

1. Most recent Article 4 Directive shape files in vector format. Currently, the mapped Article 4 Directive cannot be assessed in sufficient detail, and having access to them in vector format is crucial for our analysis for planning purposes. I am happy to receive map/shape files in any recognised vector format which contains the coordinates describing the shape of the Article 4 area and can be used in GIS software. As Article 4 Directives are part of land designation, these shape files should be publicly accessible. Therefore, I kindly ask that you provide these shape files in a compatible vector format.

2. Additionally, I request the most up-to-date Article 4 Directive documentation in re-usable (computer readable) format (not as images or scanned documents). Having access to this documentation is essential for our comprehensive understanding and application of these directives.

3. Also, please provide information about any APIs that you may have relating to planning information such as shape files, planning applications (in machine readable pdf) or other information.

Response:

1. We are currently working on a project to create a spatial dataset of the Article 4 Directives; these will be available later in the year via our website.

2. The only documentation held for Article 4 can be found on our website. No other format is held. [Article 4 Directions | East Cambridgeshire District Council \(eastcambs.gov.uk\)](https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/article-4-directions)

3. Information relation to planning applications can be found on public access on our website. No other APIs are available. [Simple Search \(eastcambs.gov.uk\)](https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/simple-search)

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 24/25-100.

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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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