

EDITH WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Freedom of Information Policy

You have the right to ask to see recorded information held by <u>public authorities</u> - the <u>Freedom of</u> <u>Information Act</u> gives you this right.

Anyone can make a Freedom of Information (FOI) request, including commercial companies. You do not have to be a UK citizen or live in the UK to request information.

There are some circumstances where it may be more appropriate for us to deal with your request outside of the Act:

- if the information you request can be quickly and easily sent to you, we may process this as part of our 'normal course of business' for example if you ask us for a leaflet
- if you ask for your personal data, this should be dealt with as a Subject Access Request (see Edith Weston Parish Council's Subject Access Request policy).
- If you can't find the information you'd like in our FOI Publication Scheme (see policy section of website), you can make a Freedom of Information Request.

How to submit a request

FOI requests must be made in writing via the Parish Clerk. Either: email clerk@edithwestonparishcouncil.gov.uk

or write to Freedom of Information, Edith Weston Parish Council, 24 Coniston Road, Edith Weston LE15 8HP.

You should get the information within 20 working days of making your request - we'll contact you if it's going to take longer and explain why.

We may not be able to release certain information - if this the case we'll clearly set out why we're withholding the information in our response to you. We'll also tell you how to appeal our decision.