

Freedom of Information – Response – 26683

Please provide a breakdown of costs incurred by the Council in relation to Planning Appeals for each financial year from 2010/11 to the current date in 2025.

Specifically, I request the data be provided in a table format containing the following two categories:

- 1. The total amount spent by the Council on legal fees, external consultants, and administrative costs for defending planning appeals.*
- 2. The total number of planning appeals defended by the Council (if an appeal crosses a financial year please include it in the same year as the costs were paid).*
- 3. The total amount paid out to appellants (third parties) following a decision by the Planning Inspectorate that the Council acted "unreasonably" (Awards of Costs).*
- 4. The total number of instances where costs were paid out to appellants (third parties) following a decision by the Planning Inspectorate that the Council acted "unreasonably" (Awards of Costs).*

We are writing to advise you that the information you requested is not held by Suffolk County Council (SCC). SCC Planning are only involved in planning applications for **new quarries or waste disposal sites** and as a statutory consultee on any planning applications that are proposed near such sites.

Planning applications are assessed and approved at District/Borough Council level, not County. SCC is a statutory consultee on a variety of specific issues that the local planning officers will request input on (drainage, transport, ecology etc), but do not approve plans.

If you have not already done so, then you may wish to address your request to the individual Borough and District Council planning offices in Suffolk:

- Babergh Mid Suffolk District Council

[Freedom of Information - Babergh District Council - babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk](http://babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk)

- East Suffolk

https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/home/SearchForm/?url=/home/SearchForm&Search=freedom+of+information&fo=8&action_results=Go

- West Suffolk

<https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/Council/Data-and-information/freedom-of-information.cfm>

- Ipswich Borough Council

<https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/search?s=freedom+of+information>

