

<b>FOI REF:</b>	14838
<b>RESPONSE SENT:</b>	21/10/2024

### Request

I am writing to request information I am entitled to under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am requesting the following information related to **biodiversity net gain**:

1. Any policies or papers published since 1 November 2023 which state the percentage of biodiversity net gain your council will require as a condition for planning permission (under the Environment Act 2021) (a) as part of an agreed Local Plan; or (b) as part of a draft Local Plan.
2. How many hectares of land has been improved for biodiversity on-site as part of a development for the purposes of biodiversity net gain since 12 February 2024
3. How many hectares of land has been improved for biodiversity off-site for the purposes of biodiversity net gain related to developments in your authority area since 12 February 2024

### Response

1. The Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) Local Plan includes Policy NE5 (Biodiversity) which references the mandatory 10% BNG to be maintained for a period of 30 years as set out in the Environment Act 2021.
2. None
3. None

