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| <b>FOI REF:</b>       | 17124      |
| <b>RESPONSE SENT:</b> | 29/05/2026 |

## Request

Q1: BGP Pipeline Since 12 February 2024, how many planning applications subject to mandatory BNG has your authority received? Please provide a breakdown by:

- a) Total number of applications received that are subject to mandatory BNG
- b) Number where the applicant submitted a Biodiversity Gain Plan (BGP) at validation
- c) Number where a BGP was submitted post-validation (pre-determination)
- d) Number of planning permissions granted that included a BNG condition
- e) Number of applications refused where failure to meet the 10% BNG requirement was a reason for refusal
- f) Of the applications in (a), how many relate to small sites - defined as either
  - I. a site area under 1 hectare, or
  - II. a residential development of fewer than 10 dwellings?

Q2: Delivery Method of the BGPs approved (Q1d above), how many used each of the following delivery methods:

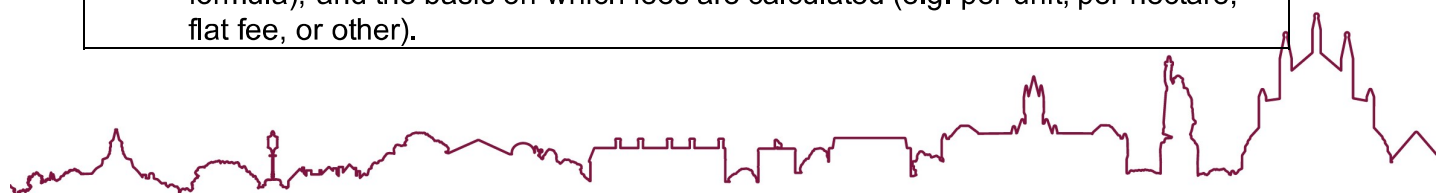
- a) On-site habitat creation or enhancement only
- b) Off-site units from the statutory Biodiversity Gain Site Register
- c) Statutory biodiversity credits (Natural England)
- d) A combination of on-site and off-site/credits

Q3: Condition Discharge Since 12 February 2024:

- a) How many applications to discharge a BNG-related planning condition has your authority received?
- b) How many have been approved?
- c) How many are currently pending determination?
- d) What is the average time (in weeks) taken to determine BNG condition discharge applications?

Q4: Monitoring Fees

- a) Does your authority charge a BNG monitoring fee, either as part of a Section 106 agreement or separately?
- b) If yes, please provide the fee schedule or the range of fees charged (£ amount or formula), and the basis on which fees are calculated (e.g. per unit, per hectare, flat fee, or other).



- c) If a fixed schedule does not exist, please provide the range of BNG monitoring fees secured in Section 106 agreements since 12 February 2024.

Q5: Supply Constraints Since 12 February 2024:

- a) How many planning applications have experienced delays, or been unable to proceed, specifically because suitable off-site BNG units were not available within or near your authority area?
- b) Are you aware of any developments that proceeded using statutory biodiversity credits (Natural England) because local off-site supply was insufficient?

Q6 - S106 Unit Prices This question relates to any Section 106 agreements your authority has executed that specify the purchase price of off-site biodiversity units from a registered Biodiversity Gain Site. For each such agreement since 12 February 2024, please provide:

- a) The planning application reference number (b) The number of off-site biodiversity units secured
- b) The price per unit paid (£/unit), or total consideration paid for the off-site units
- c) The broad habitat type of the units (e.g. grassland, woodland, hedgerow, watercourse)
- d) The Local Planning Authority area in which the Biodiversity Gain Site is located (if known) If your authority does not hold this information in a recorded form, please confirm that".

## Response:

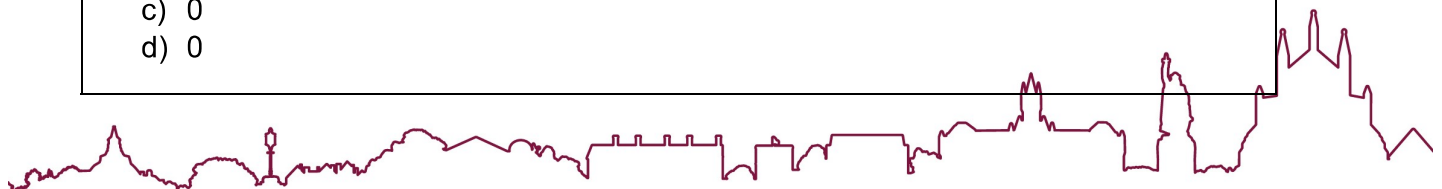
Q1:

- a) We have received 159 applications however we have 26 applications which are subject to BNG.
- b) We do not record this specific data.
- c) We do not record this specific data.
- d) All relevant applications permitted are subject to the national BNG Condition.
- e) We do not record this specific data.
- f) We cannot determine the size of the site on our systems.

Q2:

This is based off the 26 applications of which 13 have been approved.

- a) 7
- b) 6
- c) 0
- d) 0



Q3:

- a) 26 applications where BNG has been discharged
- b) 13
- c) 1
- d) 108 days

Q4:

- a) Yes
- b) [Biodiversity Net Gain - Winchester City Council](#)
- c) You will need to contact our financial department to be able to receive a detailed response.

Q5:

- a) We don't hold this information
- b) Winchester City Council are not aware of any developments that have used statutory biodiversity credits.

Q6:

Winchester City Council has not entered any S106 agreements for BNG sites or to purchase any BNG units. We are not aware of the market pricing for offsite BNG units.

I have treated your request as made under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR), since the information held on planning files is usually environmental information.

