

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority
Pathfinder House
St Marys Street, Huntingdon
PE29 3TN

3rd October 2024

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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information request ref CA348

Thank you for your request for information received on 18th September 2024. The response is given below:

Request

- Please can you fill in the table below to indicate what, if any, software the council has obtained specifically to help with implementing the following aspects of BNG?

BNG-related need	Software obtained for this purpose
Validation of applications, including checking that the correct version of the Biodiversity Metric has been submitted.	
Determination of applications subject to BNG, including assessment of ecological considerations.	
Determining if the biodiversity gain objective (biodiversity gain condition) is met.	
Monitoring of planning obligations set out under S106 agreements or Conservation Covenants, analogous to other planning obligations.	
Ecological monitoring of BNG habitats, a new statutory duty required by legislation, including ensuring that individual habitats on a given site are progressing in line with expectations set out in the Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan.	

Statutory reporting of BNG habitat progress under the NERC Act Biodiversity Duty.	
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2. Is the council generating income, or planning to generate income, by charging BNG monitoring fees? If so, how are you calculating this fee?

3. Please can you fill in the table below, with respect to whether the council has made use of the government's new burdens funding for BNG:

Financial year	BNG burdens funding spent by the council	What this BNG burdens funding was spent on
23/24	£	
24/25	£	

Response

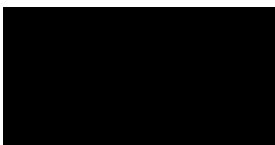
Unfortunately, this information is not held. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority are not a planning authority.

I hope this information is helpful but if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review, you should write to us via our contact us email address: democratic.services@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk or write a letter to Complaints, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, 2nd Floor, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs PE29 3TN within 40 days of the date of this e-mail.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, or via their website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Generally, the ICO will not undertake a review or make a decision on a request until the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely



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