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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-337, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I am writing to request information I am entitled to under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am requesting the following information:

- Any policies and papers, from 1 Jan 2022 to 1 November 2023, stating 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.
- Any policies and papers, from 1 Jan 2019 to 1 November 2023, stating whether you have formally declared a nature/ecological emergency.
- Any policies and papers, from 1 Jan 2022 to 1 November 2023, containing a target for your area to contribute to protect and manage 30% of land and sea for nature by 2030.
- On what date your current Local Plan will be five years old and when you expect a new Local Plan to be agreed.

Response:

1(a) nil

1(b) nil

2 'biodiversity emergency' declared on 24 November 2022. See Finance and assets committee, agenda item 6: <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/meetings/finance-assets-committee-24112022>

3. Nil

4. Current Local Plan five years old on 19 October 2028. No date for a new Local plan to be prepared.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-337.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.