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	<p>I am requesting the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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)               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. as part of an agreed Local Plan; or</li> <li>b. as part of a draft Local Plan.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Any policies and papers, from 1 Jan 2019 to 1 November 2023, stating whether you have formally declared a nature/ecological emergency.</li> <li>3. 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.</li> <li>4. On what date your current Local Plan will be five years old and when you expect a new Local Plan to be agreed.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) We do not currently have a Local Plan policy.</li> <li>b) The draft Places for Everyone plan which covers 9 of the local authorities in Greater Manchester includes a policy requiring minimum 10% BNG.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. In March 2022 the Mayor of Greater Manchester declared a biodiversity emergency and signed the Edinburgh Declaration on behalf of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.</li> <li>3. None, and there is no guidance as to how local authorities should contribute to this target.</li> <li>4. Our current local plan (the Wigan Core Strategy) turned five years old on 13 September 2018. The Places for Everyone joint Development Plan Document is expected to be adopted in early 2024, and we expect our new Wigan Local Plan to be adopted in 2025.</li> </ol>