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## ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATION REQUEST 1083

I write further to your email dated 22 January 2020.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulation 2004 (EIR), explained on our [Environmental Information Regulation](#) page.

Your request:

The following questions relate to your local authority's use of peat in its horticultural practices.

1. a) Does your local authority use peat in its horticultural practices? E.g. planting.  
*Yes.*
- b) If so, and if you are able to quantify, how much peat do you use a month (m<sup>3</sup>)?  
*Approximately 10 litres per month on average.*
- c) Do you use peat raw, as part of a mixed compost, or in another way?  
*Part of a mixed compost.*
2. a) Are any peat-free alternatives used instead?  
*Not actively sourcing alternatives at present.*
- b) If so, which ones, and in what quantities?  
*N/A*
3. a) Have any efforts been made to reduce the amount of peat used?  
*We do not currently have any policy in place.*
- b) If so, has this been a result of governmental policy/pressure, or other reasons? If other, please specify.  
*N/A*
4. If possible, please provide any figures on your historic peat use, for comparison. If this is outsourced, any available details would be appreciated.  
*Unknown.*
5. Are there any plans to reduce future peat usage?  
*This will need to be considered when setting up future contracts for bedding plant/shrub supply.*
6. What could be done to support you in a transition to peat-free growing media?

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