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## ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATION REQUEST 1175

I write further to your email dated 30 April 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:

1. Documents that outline the council's carbon strategy, including any strategy for using carbon offsets to meet carbon targets.
2. Details of all projects that carbon offset payments have been made towards by the council since 2015, including who is running those projects, what is being done with the money in the projects, the value of payments made by the council, and over what period money is to be paid.
3. Details of any offset fund that has been established by the local planning authority to meet carbon targets for building developments. Including: what the offsetting projects in the fund are and who is running them; how you determine offset carbon savings in projects match the carbon emitted in the development; and how it is determined whether offsetting projects are additional to projects that might already exist.
4. A list of the major developments in the area under the council's jurisdiction since 2015 that have involved the purchase of carbon offsets in order to meet the council's climate targets, whether from offset funds or individual offsetting projects. Please include developments still in the planning stages where the purchase is only anticipated.
5. Details of the environmental strategy for the developments covered by part 4, including whether money is being paid to a council offsetting fund or to individual offsetting projects, how much is being paid and how that price has been determined, and what the projects are/who runs them if they are separate to a council offsetting fund.

Our response:

1. The carbon strategy can be seen from the following link: [Agenda details on public web site](#).  
The relevant item in the agenda: Item 1 Roadmap to Zero Carbon.
2. No current programs in the council at this time.
3. No offset funding at this time.
4. I am not aware of any major developments that have used offset in the area.
5. The carbon strategy sets out the offset agenda.

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Further details on our appeals and complaints procedure can be found on our website [here](#).

If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion 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 [accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk](mailto:accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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