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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI569608910**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Biodiversity Net Gain software.

You have requested the following information:

**Please can you tell me if you have obtained any software specifically to help with your implementation of Biodiversity Net Gain (a new statutory requirement for Local Planning Authorities).**

**An example of this software might be Mycelia by Verna or DEF Mastergov. If it's another software provider, please specify which.**

Coventry City Council has not obtained any software related to the implementation of Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) and has no plans to do so in the immediate future.

The Council has been operating a form of BNG for a number of years and over the last year has appointed two additional ecology staff to help deliver BNG effectively.

To assist, the Planning Department has recently adopted IDOX as the development management software and we may consider BNG modules for IDOX as these become available (e.g., Exacom BNG module)

The Council obtains habitat and ecological data under long-standing Service Level Agreements and is actively exploring a number of options to obtain all the additional data that will be needed to implement BNG effectively.

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Yours faithfully

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