



Freedom of Information Request FOI2207

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.
 - b. If so, and if you are able to quantify, how much peat do you use a month (m3)?
 - c. Do you use peat raw, as part of a mixed compost, or in another way?
2.
 - a. Are any peat-free alternatives used instead?
 - b. If so, which ones, and in what quantities?
3.
 - a. Have any efforts been made to reduce the amount of peat used?
 - b. If so, has this been a result of governmental policy/pressure, or other reasons? If other, please specify.
4. If possible, please provide any figures on your historic peat use, for comparison. If this is outsourced, any available details would be appreciated.
5. Are there any plans to reduce future peat usage?
6. What could be done to support you in a transition to peat-free growing media? If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me by email. I would be happy to discuss any questions by phone (020 7981 2862) as well.

Submitted on 24/01/20.

Response:

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 (m3)?
 - **An average of 1m3 of peat based compost per month**
 - 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?
 - **A trial is to commence this year with a view to changing**
 - b. If so, which ones, and in what quantities?



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- **None as yet**

3.

a. Have any efforts been made to reduce the amount of peat used?

- **Yes**

b. If so, has this been a result of governmental policy/pressure, or other reasons? If other, please specify.

- **Utilisation of composted green waste**

4. If possible, please provide any figures on your historic peat use, for comparison. If this is outsourced, any available details would be appreciated.

- **No data helde**

5. Are there any plans to reduce future peat usage?

- **Yes**

6. What could be done to support you in a transition to peat-free growing media?

- **If the trial is successful we will go peat free next year.** If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me by email. I would be happy to discuss any questions by phone (020 7981 2862) as well.