

Request Details – FOI6319

- 1) How much unspent Section 106 money do you currently have?
- 2) How much of this Section 106 money is currently a) allocated and b) unallocated? (Please provide actual figures rather than percentages)
- 3) For each of the financial years 2001 - 2011 please let me know how much money your authority has received from developers in Section 106 funding
- 4) For each of the financial years 2001 - 2011 please let me know how much Section 106 money your authority has spent
- 5) For each of the financial years 2001 - 2011 please let me know how much section 106 money has been returned to developers

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Please find attached an excel table detailing the information requested. However, due to changes in our accounting systems, we no longer hold the information relating to monies received or spent from years 2001/2 to 2005/6. The total S106 funds received only relate to new S106 income received as part of the S106 process, and does not include interest.

As you can see, of total S106 funds, only £4.7m is unallocated, representing 20% of total funds. However, of this, it is important to note that S106 funds are constantly fluctuating with new monies banked and interest earned, and much of the unallocated monies have only recently been received. On average, the majority of S106 monies have a five year expiry deadline, so monies received can be allocated according to local priorities following consultation with local residents and members, in line with the spend description contained within the legal agreement. As part of this consultation process, there will be a time lag between funds received and funds spent, hence the appearance of spending more than was received through S106 income. In addition, as per the legal agreement, each S106 is banked in an interest bearing account, therefore earning interest to be spent on those projects funded through S106.

I have also included annual figures showing the value of S106 agreements *signed* each year. Again, there will be a time lag between these agreements being signed and funds received as S106 funds are usually due upon implementation (start on site) and most planning permission lasts for three years. However, if development doesn't begin within that time, the S106 becomes void and the funds will not be received. In addition, if the planning permission period is about to lapse, it can be renewed with a new application and this may mean signing a new S106 so there is some duplication in the figures representing value of agreements signed. Similarly, it is possible for there to be more than one approved planning permission and associated S106 signed for the same site, so this will also lead to some duplication.

	Total S106 Rec'd	Total S106 spent	Total S106 signed	Total S106 refunded
2001/2	N/A	N/A	6,690,000.00	0.00
2002/3	N/A	N/A	2,620,000.00	0.00
2003/4	N/A	N/A	18,420,000.00	56,398.00
2004/5	N/A	N/A	16,900,000.00	400,013.00
2005/6	N/A	N/A	17,300,000.00	36,528.00
2006/7	9,476,534.76	3,789,979.06	9,300,000.00	51,551.00
2007/8	4,783,016.57	6,864,368.37	22,450,140.00	0.00
2008/9	2,464,673.37	3,988,788.95	5,500,000.00	380,164.00
2009/10	5,096,847.33	7,606,503.89	2,085,000.00	57,213.00
2010/11 to date	3,692,993.40	6,002,248.82	22,530,402.00	0.00
TOTAL	25,514,065.43	28,251,889.09	123,795,542.00	981,867.00

Total S106 account balances at 30/11/2011	22,500,000.00
Allocated	17,800,000.00
Unallocated	4,700,000.00