



Joint Statement by Ordnance Survey, GeoPlace and ELGIN

We have become aware that there has been some confusion regarding the position of ELGIN's roadworks.org service and Ordnance Survey/Local Government data licensing. This statement is being issued jointly by Ordnance Survey, GeoPlace and ELGIN to clarify the situation for Local Authorities (LAs).

The roadworks data displayed on ELGIN's roadworks.org website comprises the basic information from "EToN" roadworks notices (this information can be characterised as "who, what, where and when"). Elements of this information are derived from the OS Mastermap Integrated Transport Network (ITN) and OS Mastermap Topography Layers via the National Street Gazetteer.

Highway Authorities have a duty to publish this information under the National Roads and Streetworks Act and the Traffic Management Act. Consequently, such publication clearly falls within the LA's Core Business, and is therefore licensed under the terms of the Public Sector Mapping Agreement Member Licence (PSMA).

ELGIN has been appointed as a Contractor to a lead Local Authority under the PSMA Contractor Licence, which allows it to fulfil the above duty on behalf of many LAs in England and Wales. Having received clarification from ELGIN, Ordnance Survey and GeoPlace understand that the LAs have entered into a consortium arrangement with the lead authority, pursuant to which they share their data with the lead authority, and therefore there is no requirement for LAs to individually enter into separate PSMA Contractor Licences with ELGIN to supply data for the roadworks.org service.

ELGIN also offers a Roadworks API data feed service to third parties who are not PSMA members. This service does not constitute the LAs' Core Business under the terms of the PSMA. It is a service offered by ELGIN itself, rather than an activity which ELGIN can carry out on behalf of Local Authorities under a Contractor Licence.

However, LAs are permitted to supply ELGIN with information for this purpose but only provided that the data is either (i) within the definition of Ordnance Survey's "Free to Use data" (in which case it can be licensed to ELGIN under Free to Use data terms (see clause 2.4 of the PSMA)) or (ii) LA's own data; such supply is at the discretion of the relevant local authority.

Where such data is Free to Use, no Ordnance Survey royalties apply and commercial reuse is permitted. For the avoidance of doubt, co-ordinates representing the location of the roadworks are likely to be Free to Use data. However, the USRN and/or street name (and, to the extent it is included, property name/number) are not Free to Use data.

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