

GeoPlace takes over rationalisation of Streetworks codes

From 1 April 2011, GeoPlace took over responsibility for the administration, maintenance, allocation and hosting of the Streetworks Data Capture Code List. This is a database, formerly hosted by the Department for Transport (DfT) that holds codes and tables used in the Electronic Transfer of Notices (EToN) for organisations, known as statutory undertakers, which have a statutory duty under the New Roads and Street Works Act (NRSWA) to dig in the road.

GeoPlace is a public sector Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) jointly owned by the Local Government Group and Ordnance Survey. GeoPlace has responsibility for managing the National Street Gazetteer (NSG), the database of streets which is maintained by local Highway Authorities and used by statutory undertakers to locate proposed street works and notify Highway Authorities. Alongside this, GeoPlace is responsible for developing the national address gazetteer in conjunction with local authorities that have street naming and numbering responsibilities.

Statutory undertakers use the detailed street information in the NSG to accurately pinpoint the location of their proposed works. Notices of street works are used by Highway Authorities to help coordinate street works in order to ease traffic congestion and disruption to road users.

Only organisations with the appropriate Street Works Act (SWA) codes are able to send notices under EToN. This means that statutory undertakers need both access to the NSG and an SWA code in order to carry out streetworks.

In bringing together the management of the NSG and SWA codes, GeoPlace can ensure the smooth running of the system. GeoPlace has put a number of procedures in place to manage the Capture Code list, allocate Capture Codes and rationalise the codes of those organisations that no longer exist or statutory undertakers that have merged with each others.

The list of SWA codes is now available on the NSG website, www.thensg.org.uk, and will be updated on a monthly basis. An application for a code can be made by visiting the NSG website and completing the on-line form.

SWA codes will only be allocated following a consultation with regulatory bodies such as OFGEM, OFWAT, the DfT, Companies House and HAUC UK. The Scottish Roadworks Commissioner has also requested that the same service is offered to Scotland and that the codes are aligned to create a common system across Great Britain.



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