

Roundtable 2: Toward a data standard for vacant shops: a (funded!) path to smarter high street action, Craig Campbell, Programme Manager, High Streets Data Service, Greater London Authority

- Accessing vacancy data via Business Rates/Revenue teams, even internally in a council, is hard:
 - Data protection issues
 - Value sharing
- Potential sources for identifying landlord info, to fill gaps in Land Registry:
 - Building Control Completion Certificates
 - Utility registration data
 - Insurance fraud registries
- Opportunity: coordinated ask to government could require this data via HSRA legislation, enable a legitimate use pathway to solve DP issues
- tl;dr: field surveying is the best in class option for identifying vacant shops