

## **Roundtable 5 Gathering the data you need on your local area**

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**Where is your first port of call for local data? What barriers do you encounter when gathering and using statistics on your local area?**

- Property Gazetteer barriers
  - Confidentiality
  - Difficulty in getting data out of legacy systems
  - Primary internal (council) data
- Fire Service barriers
  - Data are expensive to acquire
  - Data being out of data against what the local council owns
- Burden to provide data to Land Registry to digitise
- Internal data & buy data from GLA
- Update Land Registry data
- Land use & land coverage not consistent across the GIS community
- Ordnance Survey
  - Post code look-ups, UPRNs lookups/ Parliamentary constituencies
  - Difficulty with boundary changes
- Historic England
- Barriers
  - Formats (pdfs/GIS v paper)
  - Hard to compile lists because standards are not consistent
  - Changes to boundaries in LSIA's between censuses, historic analysis
  - Data internally can be in different formats and have a lack of harmonisation
- Addresses - Internal depts such as council tax, business rates
- Companies House
- Homes England
- GIS team – Parish Council. Ward, Land Registry, NOMIS, Instant Atlas, ESRI, Data Observatory, Statexplore, DWP
- ONS – different geographies and boundary changes, indices of multiple deprivation
- Google maps 7 Streetview
- Neighbourhood statistics
- DVLA
- Open Geography Portal
- StatWales.

**How important are: new geographies e.g. combined authority level data, visualisations, and being able to download data and charts from tools like Explore Local Statistics, Nomis, LG Inform? Do you expect to/already benefit from using APIs or Structured data?**

- We want a lot of APIs!
- We think we have a good understanding of the data space
- Standardised grid for the UK for that everyone uses the same geographies
- We want a postcode & UPRNM lookup to assign different level of geographies 0 particularly important for when new geographies are released
- More APIs – more accurate and up-to-date data
- Downloadable data needed to ensure Fire Service can access even without internet connection
- Draw data from many different departments
- We need map based data
- Councils should be the trigger for boundary updates and better comms is needed, particularly with neighbouring councils
- Different scales and need to aggregate data
- Boundaries don't match or are out of data
- Access to planning applications – need to go to individual LAs rather than a central portal
- Need to be able to interrogate geospatially
- Population density information would be useful
- Councillor reluctant to move boundaries because of impact on council tax, waste & recycling and elections
- Changes of boundaries create an issue with time series.