



Local Land Charges external release notice

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Service: Search for local land charges

▪ **New mapping screen appearance**

A revised layout of the map used to conduct searches has been introduced, changes as follows:

- Existing functionality remains unchanged.
- Mapping buttons at the top of the map have now been replaced by radio buttons on the right side of the map.
- More informative descriptions for each function are displayed.
- Please note: the 'copy from map' function has been renamed 'Select area from map.'

Find a search area by map

To view a local land charge, you will need to identify a property or area of land. This is called a search area.



Map key ☐ Location available ☐ Location not available

[Learn more about how to use this map \(opens in a new tab\)](#)

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Map options

- ☐ **Select area from map**
Select one or more areas to copy from the map
- ☐ **Draw area**
Add points to draw your search area
- ☐ **Edit area**
Move points to edit your search area
- ☐ **Delete area**
Remove one or more areas from the map

☐ **Snap to line on map**
Hover your cursor near a line on the map and it will jump to it automatically

Undo

Clear all

Confirm area

Get help

[Get help with this service \(opens in new tab\)](#)

- **Use the map with only the keyboard**

New functionality aimed at supporting users with accessibility needs has been introduced. The following functions can now be used using only a keyboard, removing the need to use a mouse to conduct a search:

- Select area from map
- Delete area
- Panning and zoom of the map

How to use the map with a keyboard only

Select an area from the map and delete areas using a keyboard only. The keyboard focus needs to be on the map to do this. You can not draw or edit an area using a keyboard.

Keyboard controls

Arrow keys to move the map up, down, left and right.

SHIFT key with arrows to fine-tune the position.

Plus sign (+) to zoom in and Minus sign (-) to zoom out.

SPACE bar or ENTER key to select the area at the centre of the map

- **Map zoom animation removed**

When identifying a position on the map by entering an address, map co-ordinates or title number a 'zoom' animation was shown. The animation has now been removed as it was deemed potentially distracting for some users.

- **Technical upgrades to support the above changes**

Openlayers upgraded to 9.0.0; govuk-frontend-jinja upgraded to 3.0.0

- **Accessibility statement updated**

The Search service [Accessibility statement](#) has been updated to reflect most recent changes and accessibility testing.