



Newsletter

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Get the latest information about the Local Land Charges (LLC) Programme and local authorities' data migration to the central LLC Register.

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Partnering to harness the power of geospatial data

The Geospatial Commission was established in 2018 as an independent, expert committee responsible for setting the UK's geospatial strategy and coordinating public sector geospatial activity. Since then the Commission has worked with six partner bodies (the Geo6) - HM Land Registry, British Geological Survey, Coal Authority, UK Hydrographic Office, Ordnance Survey and the Valuation Office Agency to improve access to, links between, and the quality of their data. They work together to deliver the UK's geospatial strategy.

In the recent [location data supports the property ecosystem blog](#), Geospatial Commission Senior Policy Adviser Holly West wrote:

“Location data about land use and planning informs decisions about what and where to build. When a property is constructed, developers, engineers and surveyors need to know what the underlying geology is and whether the land is suitable for construction. At the point of property sale, location data, such as land ownership, mine works proximity and radon risk, are an essential part of the searches required”.

As the Local Land Charges (LLC) Register continues to grow, we are actively exploring new ways to use the geospatial data it contains. One prospect being investigated is teaming up with PropTech and GeoTech startups in the [Geovation](#) community to uncover new uses of the data that benefit the wider community.



Last month at the GEO Business event in London, the LLC team joined the Geo6 to showcase their collective expertise and exciting projects. Visitors to the stands:

- saw a demonstration of the Geospatial Commission's newly launched National Underground Asset Register (NUAR)
- learned from the Coal Authority about the impact of historic mining on the environment
- heard about the benefits of the LLC Register and how the OS MasterMap works, and
- were treated to a UKHO showcase of a visual model of marine geospatial data.

The joint stand demonstrates how the Geospatial Commission and Geo6 are working together to unlock and showcase the power of location data. Our shared commitment to fostering innovation in an increasingly interconnected world will play a crucial role in the delivery of the UK's geospatial strategy.

[An interview with Senior Service Manager Mark Edwards at the Geo Business event in London](#)



L to R: Meenal Dhande, Geospatial World's Associate Editor with the HMLR team

Migration Hub – access vital information simply

Last month, we introduced the newly enhanced **Migration Hub**, which has received positive feedback and a good uptake. The updated content has been organised to align with the stages of the migration process, providing a tailored and logical format.

We have also received favourable feedback from other departments that used our lessons learned during migrations, for their transformational projects.

The [Migration Hub](#) aims to equip local authorities with the knowledge and tools needed for a seamless migration,

by making vital information easily accessible.

Your opinion is important to us, please share your Migration Hub comments or suggestions with your Delivery Manager.

The screenshot shows the Local Land Charges Migration Hub website. The header includes the HM Land Registry logo and the text "Local Land Charges Migration Hub". Below the header is a navigation menu with links: "Migration process", "Tools", "Learnings", "Guidance", and "News". The "News" link is underlined, indicating it is the active section. The main content area features a large heading "News" in bold black text. Below this, there is a section titled "Latest video" with a thumbnail image. The thumbnail image shows a person's hands interacting with a tablet displaying a map, with the text "LOCATION DATA GOES DIGITAL" overlaid in white. At the bottom of the thumbnail, the HM Land Registry logo and the "move iq" logo are visible.

Stakeholder engagement in May

Our busy spring stakeholder engagement season has now ended. In addition to the Geo Business event, we delivered programme updates at several events both in person and virtually. These included the Searches UK webinar, the For Media Commercial property conference, the ProConference Residential Law event in London and the Law 2023 solicitors group meeting in Leeds.

We are committed to staying connected and informed about our customer developments. As such, our team recently participated in the annual Council of Property Search Organisations (CoPSO) conference held in London. This event allowed us to meet representatives from the Personal Search Companies (PSCs) industry, who play an important conveyancing role.



Callum Moffat, LLC Marketing Manager at LAW2023 conference

Our Customer and Live Service teams with attendees at CoPSO annual event



The North Yorkshire launch

Our North Yorkshire launch event celebrated the first cluster of local authorities who joined the LLC Register, as a newly formed unitary authority. Guests were given a demonstration of the register and discussed the positive impact it would have on North Yorkshire's property market and the Programme.

Programme speakers also highlighted the important role collaboration played in the successful migration of the seven local authorities. Industry representatives shared their perspectives and emphasised the transformative effect the register is having on the conveyancing and property markets.

Alison Bradbury, Head of Local Land Charges Implementation presents LLC Register benefits



Pam Bennett, Delivery Manager demonstrates a search of the LLC Register



During the event, customers met members of the Service Performance Integration (SPI) team, who shared their experience of managing the Live Service. They also demonstrated the practical functionalities of the register, to ensure customers could maximise its potential.

The enthusiasm and commitment of customers and stakeholders made the launch event a real success. We will continue to celebrate important milestones and share learnings, so other local authorities can benefit from the best practices adopted during and after migration.

Mark Kelso, Programme Director thanks partners for collaborative efforts



Customers learn about products and services while networking with the LLC teams



UK Real Estate Investment and Infrastructure Forum (UKREiiF)

The recent UK Real Estate Investment and Infrastructure Forum (UKREiiF) in Leeds provided an opportunity to connect with customers, stakeholders and market influencers. Working alongside the Coal Authority, we are producing greater value for our customers by delivering creative solutions.



LLC, Landmark and the Coal Authority shared stand at the UKREiiF annual conference

Our shared common goal of providing upfront, digital data from source meant we could showcase current developments and future investment opportunities for three days during the event. Obtaining vital information about property purchases early in the conveyancing process can prevent transactions from failing. Like the Coal Authority, we understand that most lenders would like to be able to make instant mortgage decisions.

Technological advances have enabled the delivery of new services that make environmental issues arising from coal



Representatives of the three organisations attend to queries from visitors to stand D46

and metal mining transparent. When this information is combined with local land charges data, lenders can provide faster and more accurate underwriting for their customers. This prevents failed transactions and makes the conveyancing process quicker and smoother.

We were delighted our Migration Service Delivery Partner, Landmark Solutions Group, could join us at the conference. This provided an opportunity to share with customers and stakeholders how their teams are supporting us to increase the number of local authority migrations.



HM Land Registry staff

Quote of the month:

“The Local Land Charges Programme has successfully fulfilled three fundamental qualifications, establishing it as a commendable initiative. With a single point of access/inspection, freely available information, and the ability to purchase, it has transformed the accessibility and transparency of local land charges. While we appreciate the Programme’s notable achievements so far, we hope they will ensure adequate resources for the LLC department after migration to sustain the positive impact of this transformative undertaking.”

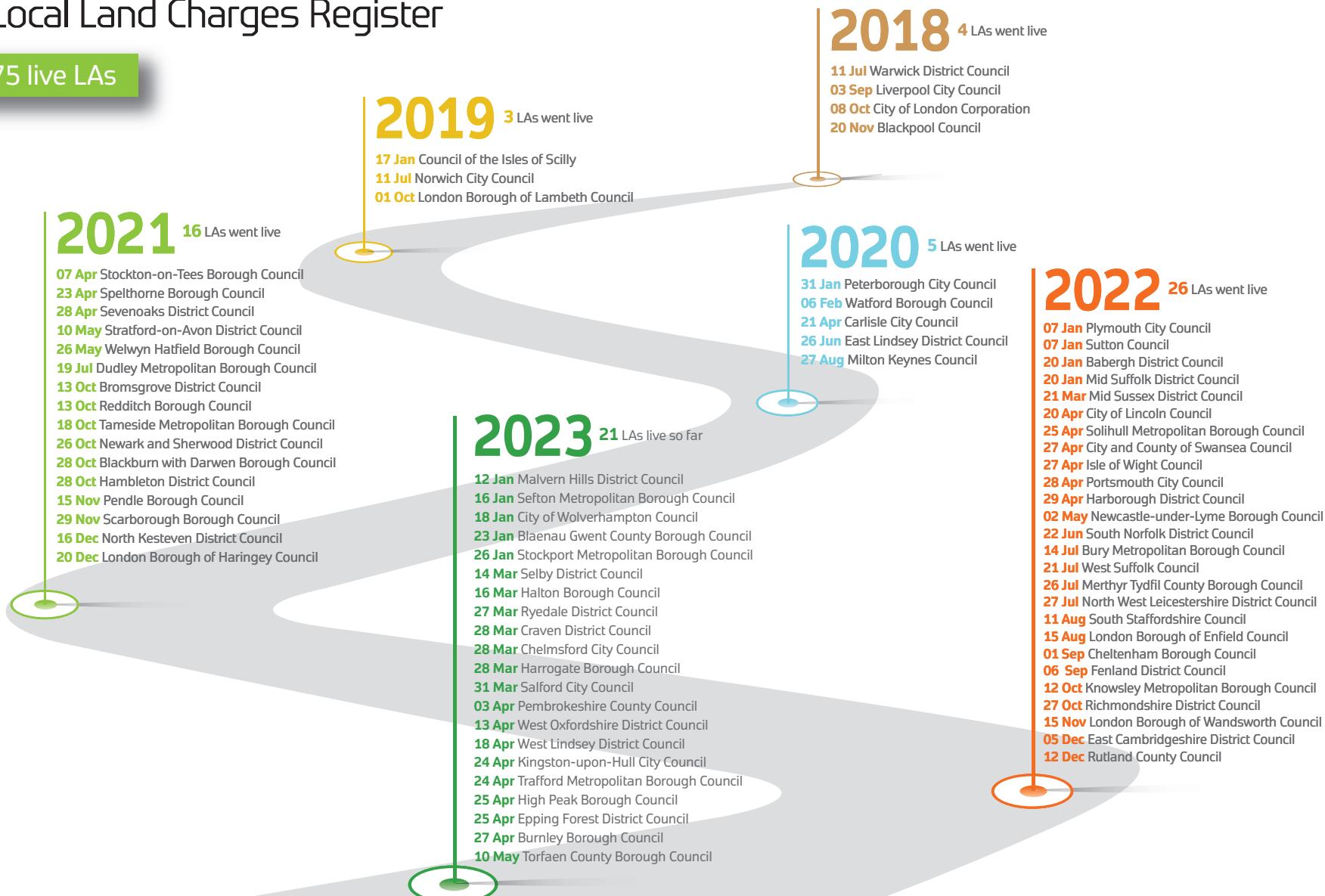
Richard Bray
Managing Director
Move Reports UK Ltd



Local authorities in the register on 31 May 2023

HM Land Registry Local Land Charges Register

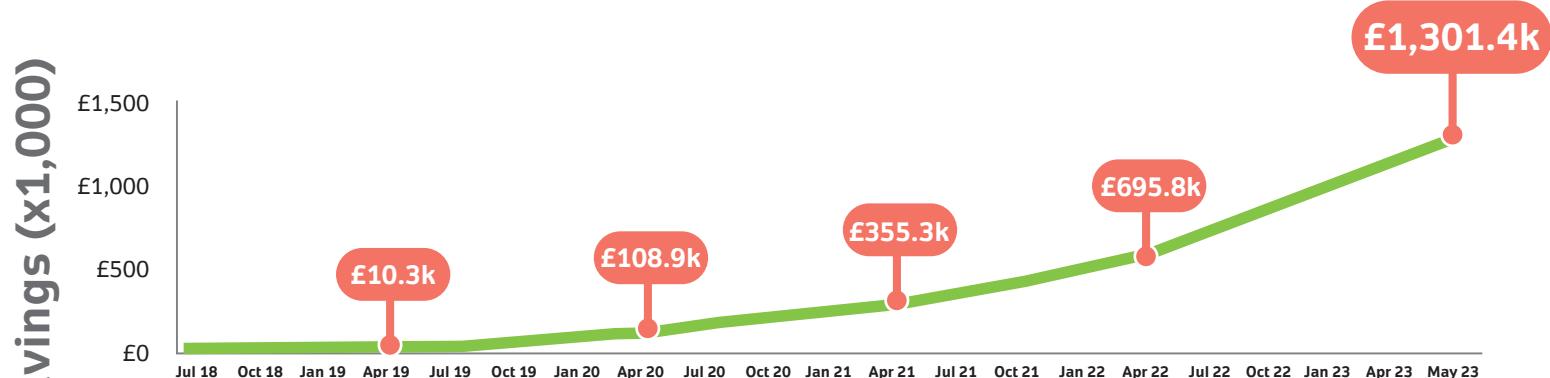
75 live LAs



The national LLC Register cost savings

Since its launch, the LLC Register has recorded a total cost saving of over **£1.3 million** from searches with customers in migrated areas saving an average of **12 days** to obtain an LLC search result. There are over **3.9 million charges** from the 75 local authorities that have been migrated to the register.

Cost savings since service go-live



This graph illustrates the upward trajectory of savings as more local authorities join the national LLC Register.

Kind regards

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