Points of Interest Product Amendments December 2024 Quarterly Update

Update to the location of Points of Interest technical documentation and Product Amendments

Points of Interest technical documentation (including technical specification product information, classification scheme, etc.) is now available on the new OS Download Products' Documentation Platform (https://docs.os.uk/os-downloads). This platform is the new central location for all technical documentation for OS Premium and OpenData Download products (such as AddressBase, OS MasterMap Topography Layer, OS Open UPRN, etc.).

Over the next few months, the old PDFs containing product technical documentation will be removed from the product pages of the OS website and replaced by links to the refreshed documentation on the new platform.

Product amendments/release notes for Points of Interest products are available on the new platform (https://docs.os.uk/os-downloads/addressing-and-location/points-of-interest/release-notes); simply navigate to the new platform and click *Addressing and location portfolio > Points of Interest > Release Notes*. Static PDF Product Amendments for the Points of Interest product will be replaced by digital release notes on the new platform over the next few months.

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Introduction

This document details the data enhancements that are included within the December 2024 release of PointX data. PointX continually strives to improve its data holdings and this document highlights the specific changes made for the December 2024 release.

Improved data holdings

AddressBase Core and OS MasterMap Highways Network

AddressBase® Core and OS MasterMap® Highways Network updated to the October 2024 versions.

UPRN

Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) population has decreased slightly to 49.37% and the population of the UPRN priority classes has increased to 89.63% UPRN.

Further information on UPRNs priorities can be found in the user guide available on the PointX website.

New Capture Method

Police stations have been updated utilising a new method of capture resulting in improved currency.

London Boroughs Official Names

All London Boroughs have been updated to accurately reflect their official names.

Emergency Service Records

PointX are focused on improving the currency of emergency service records and this will be reflected in current and future releases.

Latitude and Longitude

As mentioned in the December release note, PointX have shared their intention to include Latitude and Longitude within Points of Interest, along with the existing British National Grid References.

There are currently no plans to include Latitude and Longitude in the Points of Interest product available from Ordnance Survey. If including them would be helpful for you, please reach out to our Products team at: LPT@os.uk

URLs

PointX continues to use a URL reputation service to identify and remove any potentially malicious URLs from the product. However, it is recommended that the guidance as described in the user guide is followed in respect of the contents of the URL attribute.

All new or updated URL's have been checked and refreshed to improve currency.

Feature Accuracy

PointX continues to improve the positional accuracy of features and this quarter they have updated hundreds of records.

Next release

The next release of Points of Interest is scheduled for:

March 2025