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INTRODUCTION

The following document details the data enhancements that are included within the March 2015 release of Points of Interest.

We continually strive to improve its data holdings, and the changes outlined in this document are as a result of this.

Some of these changes are only an initial or partial implementation and in subsequent releases, the effects will become more apparent as implementations are built upon.

CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

There are no changes to the classification system in this release; however, work has been carried out to more consistently report a number of brands in single classes rather than across classes.

IMPROVED DATA HOLDINGS

A new dataset with a provenance of “Open Plaques” is included in this release as a part of the “Unspecified and Other Attractions” class 03200269. These are various Plaques, whose type, where known, is given as Qualifier Data, that commemorate people and places. In this initial release we have erred on the side of caution as to how accurate the supplied geocodes are until we are able to fully validate them (many are actually very good however so far we have only been able to geocode and improve address reporting of around a sixth of records ourselves). Over time we intend to attempt improvement of the structure of the reported addresses and geocodes for all records. As there are believed to be no duplicates all positional accuracies are allowed to report for these.

Previous wholesale removal of The Education Company data had left our ensuing reported holding of Nursery schools incomplete. Further efforts have been made to improve the number of records being reported and in this release almost 1,500 more instances are included as a result.

Continuing the identification of each entity being referenced by “plurals” text, over 57,000 additional records have been loaded for Tanks, Ponds, Tumuli, Landing Stages, Pontoons, Waterfall, Silos and the like. This work is currently ongoing.

Continued analysis and improvements to the Petrol and Fuel stations and Chain Supermarkets classes has removed a number of obsolete, incorrectly classified, incorrectly located and duplicating instances.

An exercise to re-run the majority of records historically given poorer positional accuracies, preventing their reporting, through automated geocoding has been completed and allows over 22,000 more instances to potentially report.

Other focused positional improvement work has continued for especially Hair and Beauty Services, Vehicle Repair, Testing and Servicing, and DIY and Home Improvement.

More improvements to the positional accuracy reporting, currency and naming of a number of Ordnance Survey derived features have continued with a focus in this release on Electrical Features.

A change to the de-duplication routines has been implemented which now allows co-existing Doctors Surgeries to all report.

OTHER AMENDMENTS

Background data currency and de-duplication improvements have also been carried out for this release as is standard.