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The Hot Topic



“Who can help us understand what land is available and suitable for our new homes?”

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Inside Story Richmondshire District Council

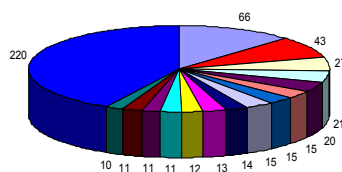
Forward-thinking Richmondshire District Council has undertaken a ground breaking Public Land Audit in order to manage its assets more efficiently and economically.

The initiative was supported by Richmondshire Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and part funded by the North Yorkshire County Council Community Fund and aimed to identify the extent of publicly owned land across the Authority, and explore whether this could be better used or managed.

GeODC undertook site visits and data audits at seven separate agencies throughout the district who manage publicly owned land they included:

- Ministry of Defence*
- North Yorkshire County Council*
- North Yorkshire Fire Service*
- North Yorkshire Police*
- Yorkshire Ambulance Service*
- North Yorkshire & York PCT*
- Richmondshire District Council*

The findings of the site visit have now been incorporated into a hard copy report and as individual digitised layers into a GIS.



Richmond	Leyburn	Aysgarth	Bainbridge
Brompton on Swale	Bellerby	Easby	Newbiggin
Catterick	East Appleton	Hawes	Catterick Garrison
Colburn	Hipswell	West Witton	Other

This data now allows the Local Strategic Partnership to analyse the location and size of publicly managed land and to accurately maintain all of the sites.

If you would like to learn more about how we can help your Authority understand its Public Land Holdings and make those findings available, please contact

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Breckland Council Award Data Capture Contract to GeODC

Breckland Council, located in the heart of rural Norfolk, has awarded a contract to data capture and conversion specialist GeODC. The contract includes the scanning of approximately 70,000 historical planning applications, their associated textual records and plots, and the capture of Land Charge records and boundaries. By capturing and converting these essential datasets from their current paper based format into digital records, Breckland Council are hoping to improve customer service, increase operational efficiencies and meet e-Government targets.

“This project is part of an authority wide programme to increase efficiency and improve the service we provide to our customers,” said Jason Elliott, GIS Manager and LLPG Custodian at Breckland Council. “By converting paper based information into a digital format we will be able to offer a fully electronic Land Search system. This not only improves the speed and accuracy of the service we provide it will also enable us to meet current e-Government targets and provide us with a wealth of information for use in our geographical information system (GIS).”



“The data capture and conversion contract was awarded to GeODC as we believed they offered the best overall package,” continued Elliott. “They understood our specific requirements and through their experience and expertise in this field are able to deliver the results we are after.”



GeODC Complete Mapping Project for Havebury Housing Partnership

Data capture and conversion specialist GeODC has completed a project to create up-to-date and accurate maps of social housing in West Suffolk. The project, to capture digital mapping of community areas, was undertaken on behalf of the Havebury Housing Partnership who own and manage nearly 6,000 properties in the St Edmundsbury area. GeODC transformed paper plans into map accurate digital data for use in the organisations geographical information system (GIS) enabling them to review their grounds maintenance and street cleansing contract and improve the provision of services to residents.

“At the time of transfer we entered into a service level agreement with the Council to continue the provision of grounds maintenance and street cleansing services,” said David Honeyball, Property Manager. “However it shortly became necessary to replace this agreement with a tendered contract. As the Council had used the same workforce for many years, there were no accurate records of the service areas or specific works undertaken.”

“The completion of this project not only enabled the improved management of the grounds maintenance and cleansing contract, we have subsequently been able to provide more accurate calculations for the recharging of works to residents.”

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