



Newsletter January 2026

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

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Recent migrations to live service

Three local authorities have successfully migrated since our December publication.

They are:

Derby City Council
1 December 2025

Hertsmere Borough Council
10 December 2025

Wyre Borough Council
19 December 2025

Migrated local authorities are listed alphabetically on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)



Improving the Maintain local land charges service

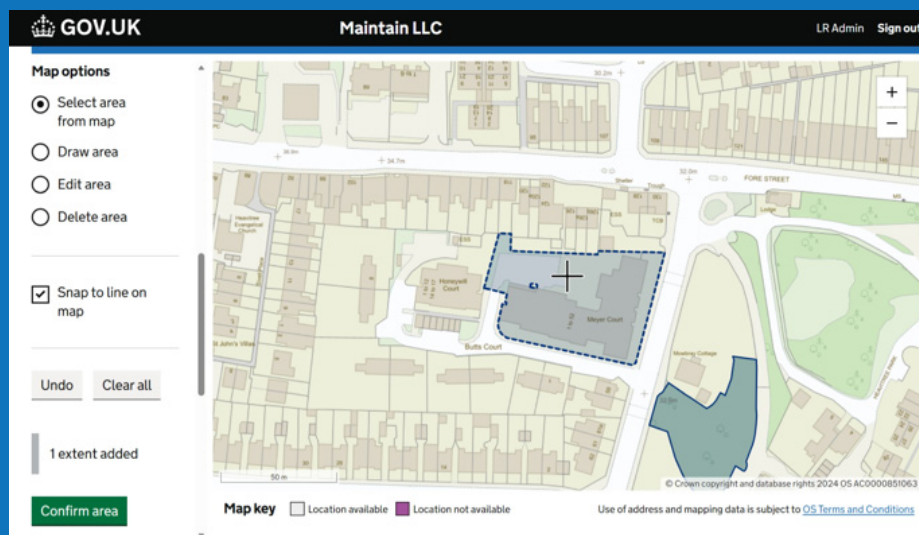
We have launched several improvements to how local authorities search for and manage local land charges (LLC) when in live service. As a result of recent feedback, the 'Find, update or cancel a charge' function has been redesigned to alleviate common frustrations.

What has changed?

The map page now focuses on navigating to and capturing your search area.

- the viewable map is larger
- we have removed the mapping tool icons from the map itself
- a scrollable section to the left of the map now contains the search options and the mapping tools
- a new 'Confirm area' button completes the streamlined layout.

A dedicated results page will now display all charges within your search area. Using the new set of filters found at the top of the page you can refine results quickly. Each charge listing includes more information than before and a thumbnail of the charge extent. The charge can be viewed in more detail using their reference link.



List of charges

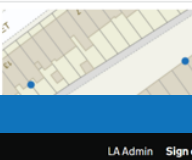
Planning

Reference	Location	Description	Creation date	Extent
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LLC-PH8 Second of multiple updates at once	H S B C, 9 St. Thomas Centre, Exeter EX4 1DG	Multiple updates by CSV at once - second upload	Not provided	
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List of charges for your search area

Showing 12 of 13 local land charges for this search area.

[View all charges on the map.](#) All filters will be reset.

Filter charges

Category

- ☒ Planning (9)
- ☒ Conditional planning consent (1)
- ☒ Enforcement notice (8)
- ☒ Test category preview (2)
- ☒ Preview test subcategory 2 channel (1)

☐ Show cancelled charges (1)

Authority

- ☒ Adur District Council (0)
- ☒ Babergh District Council (1)
- ☒ Blackpool Borough Council (2)
- ☒ Bulk Load Test4 (5)

[Clear filters](#)

[Apply filters](#)

Additional information

Currently, selecting 'Back to search results' when viewing a charge will direct you back to the map page rather than the list of search results. This will be fixed in a forthcoming release.

The old view search page can still be accessed by selecting 'View all charges on the map' at the top of the web page.

Bug fixes

- The Search for Searches function now correctly accounts for daylight saving changes between BST and GMT
- Adding a charge extent by address now works as expected

We are constantly looking at ways we can improve our services. **Please use the feedback form link along the top of Maintain LLC service to provide feedback.**

A local authority's top tips for a successful migration

South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council went live on 15 April 2025 after a complex migration. Here are their three top tips to a smoother migration journey.

1 Open communication:

Open and honest communication between the local authority (LA) and HM Land Registry (HMLR) is crucial. Having conversations earlier will provide important transparency to build a realistic project plan to prevent disruption or unnecessary delays at a later stage of the project.

2 Positive morale:

Having a thorough understanding of the project structure before starting and setting expectations of the potential challenges will help maintain an optimistic outset.

3 Connecting with advocates:

Make use of the HMLR advocate programme and engage with other LAs earlier in the project to gain a better understanding of the degrees of implementation. While there is no single 'right way' to approach migration, recognising the phases of the process and preparing accordingly is essential.

If you would like more information on the advocacy programme, please contact your delivery or relationship manager.

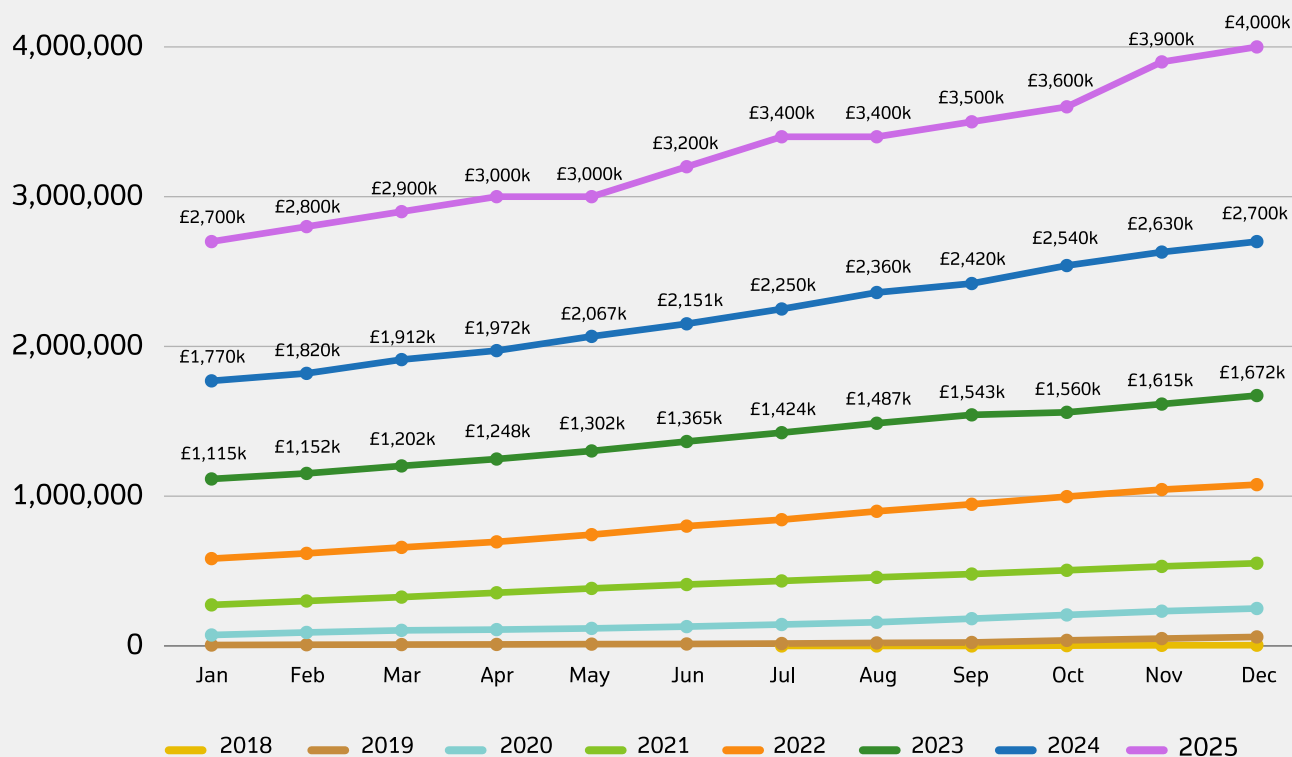


The national LLC Register cost savings

Since it launched in 2018, the LLC Register has

- saved customers over **£4 million** for searches made in migrated areas
- saved users an average of **13.18 days** to obtain an LLC search result
- migrated more than **8.3 million** charges from **140 local authorities** to the register.

Cost savings since service go live



This graph illustrates the accumulative savings as more local authorities join the national LLC Register

Figures accurate up to the end of December 2025

The national LLC Register – total number of searches

Since July 2018,
we have recorded

376,688 official
searches

1,718,817 personal (free)
searches

2,095,505 total searches
on the register

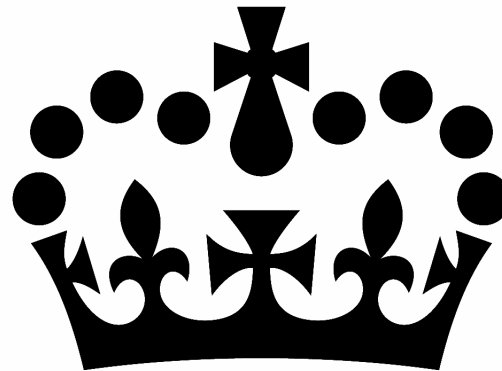
Search figures accurate up to the end of December 2025

Useful links

- The [Local Land Charges Programme](#) page provides details about the programme.
- [Migrating your local land charges service](#) provides all the migration information you need.
- Live service – [Practice guide 79: Local Land Charges](#) explains how to change the register, obtain searches and the compensation protocol.
- For migrated areas, you can [search for local land charges on land and property](#).

The [local land charges news](#) page will keep you updated on:

- important updates
- monthly newsletters
- case studies
- blogs
- webinars



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