



Local Land Charges news

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The latest
information about
the Local Land
Charges (LLC)
Programme.

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Recent migrations to live service

Seven local authorities successfully migrated onto the Local Land Charges Register in July and August.

South Holland District Council	6 July 2026
Chichester District Council	20 July 2026
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council	22 July 2026
East Suffolk Council	27 July 2026
Tendring District Council	28 July 2026
Crawley Borough Council	12 August 2026
Teignbridge District Council	17 August 2026

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

Changes to registering Compulsory Purchase Orders and Compulsory Acquisition Notices

HM Land Registry (HMLR) is improving how it registers two types of local land charge (LLC):

- **Compulsory Acquisition Notices (CANs), made under section [134\(6A\) of the Planning Act 2008](#)**
- **Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs), made under section [15\(6\) of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981](#).**

Why are we making this change?

We regularly review our processes to ensure they continue to meet our users' needs. As part of this work, we have improved the registration of CANs and CPOs as local land charges, making it more streamlined and robust.

The role of the Chief Land Registrar

The Chief Land Registrar (CLR) can only register CANs and CPOs as local land charges (LLCs) in areas already migrated to HMLR's LLC Register.

[Practice guide 79: Local Land Charges](#) explains this in full. The CLR cannot register LLCs affecting land in any other area.

What does this mean for you if the CLR is not the registering authority?

Originating authorities that have access to the Local Land Charges service

You must apply to register the CPO or CAN using the Local Land Charges service or the API.

Originating authorities that do not have access to the Local Land Charges service

- [See part 2.5 of Practice Guide 79](#), which explains how access can be arranged if you cannot use the LLC service or an API.
- If you are unlikely to make regular applications, you may apply to register the CPO or CAN by emailing your application to the Service Performance Integration team.
- If the CLR is the registering authority for the land affected by the charge you can apply to register the CPO or CAN by emailing the [Service Performance Integration team](#).

- If the CLR is not yet the registering authority for the land affected, do not send the shapefile to HMLR. Send it to the relevant local authority with the notice and supporting documents, so they can register it.

If the CLR is the registering authority for all affected land

If an acquiring authority sends you a CPO or CAN, only apply to the CLR for them if they have expressly authorised you to do so.

If they have not given authorisation, the acquiring authority must apply to the CLR themselves.

If the CLR is only the registering authority for part of the affected land

Where a CPO or CAN covers more than one local authority area, the CLR can only register the part within its area.

If you cannot use the LLC service or an API and any affected land falls outside the CLR's area, send the shapefile that excludes that land to the [Service Performance Integration team](#). HMLR cannot amend shapefiles after submission, so check they are correct before sending them.



What do you need to send us?

If you do not have access to the Local Land Charges service, send your electronic application with the information listed below to the [Service Performance Integration team](#). Your application will not be accepted if any of this information is missing:

- Include the appropriate notice and any supporting documentation
- State the name of the order
- Specify the statutory provision the charge falls under
- Name the acquiring authority
- Give the date of the order
- Provide a shapefile that clearly shows the affected land area, meeting current HMLR quality standards

Your shapefile must meet these requirements:

- It must be under 1MB in size.
- It must use British National Grid (BNG) coordinates.
- It must contain no more than 1,000 extents.

— It must be a zip file containing three files: .shp, .shx and .dbf.

There is no fee for this application.

If you apply by another method, HMLR will ask you to resubmit your application using the [contact form](#).

Who to contact

If you use HMLR's LLC Register, contact your Relationship Manager with any questions. If you are migrating LLC data, contact your Delivery Manager. All other affected parties should contact the **Service Performance and Integration team**.



The Live Service Survey is now live

The 2026 Live Service survey has launched

Migrated local authorities (LAs) and for the first time, originating authorities (OAs) are invited to take part in the survey to share feedback on their experiences within live service. As the number of OAs in live service continues to grow quickly, it is important that they can voice their opinions too.

There will be two separate survey links this year, one for LAs and one for OAs. Survey links have already been sent out by our Relationship Managers. Please remember to share the survey with your colleagues in other departments that are involved with local land charges to ensure we get a full picture.

Following last year's survey results, we made several improvements. The Live Service Manual was produced, now found on [GOV.UK](#) and the STAR Guide

was also introduced to encourage collaboration for timely, accurate registrations. We are committed to improving the service and providing the best possible experience for our customers and everyone who uses the LLC service.

The survey will remain open for two weeks, closing at 5.00pm on 1 October 2026. If you have not yet received your survey link, please contact your Relationship Manager.



Register now for the October originating authority webinar

The Local Land Charges (LLC) Programme is hosting its second online webinar for originating authorities (OAs) on Wednesday 14 October 2026, from 10.00 to 11.30, via Microsoft Teams.

[Register now](#)

National parks, county councils and other originating authorities are welcome to attend. This webinar is for you, whether you are just starting your migration journey, are at mid-point or are already live.

Why attend?

By attending you will get practical advice from people who understand your challenges. You will also hear first-hand experiences from OAs further along the migration process and have the chance to ask the questions that matter most to you. You can also network with colleagues undertaking the same journey.

Following feedback from the first webinar, this session has been revised to provide more time to discuss practical examples. It will also focus on managing data during migration and into live service.

The session will include:

- expert insight from speakers working directly in data migration and live service
- top tips and lessons learnt from OA advocates who've faced similar challenges

- a demonstration of the Migration Helper
- breakout sessions where you can discuss your experiences with colleagues.

If there are any other areas you'd like advice on, or if you have any specific questions, please let us know in advance by email so we can prepare the right information for you.

Register for this online webinar by Thursday 8 October.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Georeferencing plotting sheets supports spatial capture

A new overlay feature in the Migration Helper digitisation tool allows plotting sheets to be viewed directly on the Migration Helper map. This replaces the need to manually compare and align a plotting sheet with a map across different monitors.

Many local authorities (LAs) use plotting sheets to manually record the spatial extent of their local land charge (LLC) entries. During the migration discovery phase, we may find that these sheets are needed to help create accurate digital spatial extents for inclusion in the LLC Register.

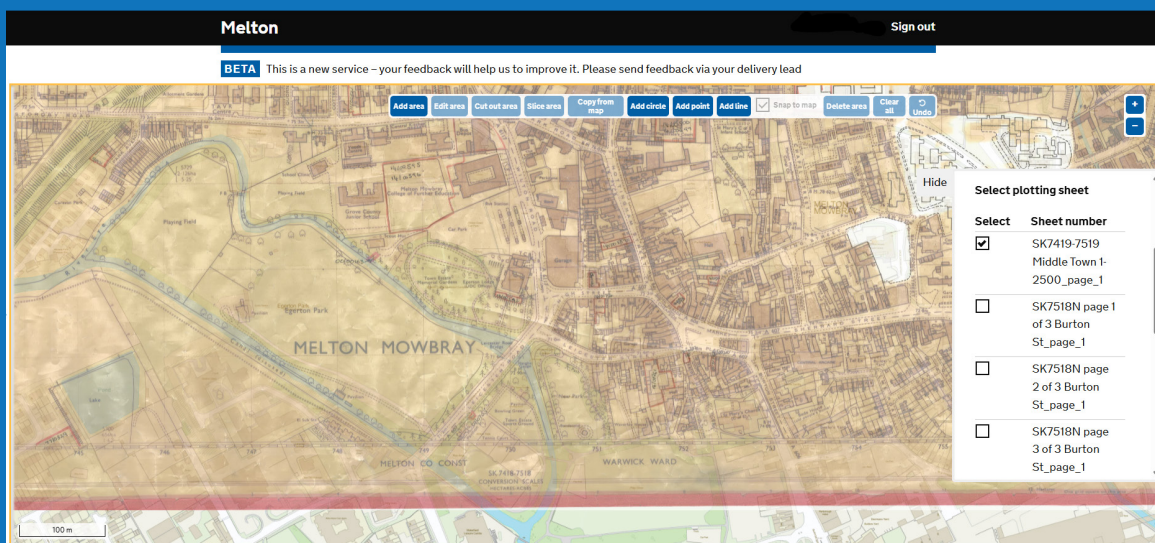
Plotting sheets can hold substantial amounts of information, often across several overlays. Before they can be used, they must be scanned by either HM Land Registry (HMLR) or the LA. They are then stored centrally so the HMLR Data Transformation team can access them. Identifying the correct plotting sheet can be time-consuming. This typically requires an index or look-up process, followed by locating the relevant charge on the sheet, before the spatial extent can be captured.

To improve the efficiency of using plotting sheet data, the LLC Programme has worked with HMLR's Data Science community. Using machine learning and large language models, data scientists were able to georeference a significant number of plotting sheets, during a trial with three LAs. The Software Development team then used output from the trial to build the new plotting sheet overlay feature.

"Having the plotting sheets overlaid in the Migration Helper will increase efficiency and quality, ensuring that an accurate spatial extent is captured," said the LLC Senior Data Quality Manager.

The functionality is already deployed to all Migration Helper staging environments. Whether an LA uses the plotting sheet overlay depends on whether they have plotting sheets in the first place. Where they do, their Data Manager will decide if they are required for the spatial capture exercise. LAs will also have access to the same overlay functionality. This will support them in processing any charges that are referred back to them for completion.

From September, HM Land Registry will begin using the new feature with Melton Borough Council. Feedback from this work will help establish its impact on efficiency and quality. It should also show whether it reduces the number of charges sent back to LAs for completion.



Registration is open for the November regional workshops

Non-migrated local authorities (LAs) and originating authorities (OA) are invited to join us at our regional workshops this November. Workshops will run from 10.00am to 3.00pm, refreshments and lunch will be provided.

These workshops will focus on the end of programme planning and our ambition to complete the programme by 2028. We want to ensure that LAs and OAs have the information, tools and support they need to fulfil their role. Collaboration between LAs, OAs and HM Land Registry is key to this success.

What to expect

- Updates on the programme.
- The impact of Local Government Reorganisation.
- In-person presentations from subject matter experts.
- Details of the resources and tools available for support.
- Guest speaker advocates sharing lessons learned and top tips.

- An update from Land Data on next generation NLIS.
- The opportunity to network with your peers.

Please register for one event to secure your seat.

Thursday 12 November 2026 – The Met Hotel, Kings Street, Leeds, LS1 2HQ.

[Register here for Northern event](#)

Thursday 19 November 2026 – Mary Ward House Conference Centre, Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9SN.

[Register here for Southern event](#)

If there is a topic or challenge you would like to be addressed, please [email the details to us](#) and we will incorporate it into the agenda.

The Local Land Charges Programme reaches the halfway point

Half of all local authorities in England and Wales are now live on the Local Land Charges Register. Teignbridge District Council became the 165th local authority to join the register, marking a significant milestone.

The register now holds more than 9.9 million charges, and customers have carried out over 2.6 million searches.

More people now have faster access to vital property information, on average 12.5 days earlier than before. This is helping to create a property market that is secure, efficient and easier to navigate.

By using innovative AI-assisted data tools created by the Data Science team, work that once required a large team for several months can now be completed by a handful of people in weeks. This efficiency gain allows our expert people to focus on higher-value

work, including quality assurance, decision-making and supporting local authorities through the migration process.

Strict controls are in place to prevent the generation of false or rogue data, and all outputs are cross-checked by the Data Quality and Assurance team. To date, there have been no quality or data completeness failures.

This progress reflects the continued modernisation of local land charges data. We will share more updates as the programme continues.



Upcoming events

Members of the Local Land Charges Programme will be attending a series of events in the coming months, and we would love to see you there.

These events offer you an opportunity to meet the team and have your questions answered. You can view the full list of events below:

Event	Date	Location
<u>A Conveyancing Law Update</u>	22 September 2026	Liverpool
<u>Propertymark Regional Conference</u>	24 September 2026	Birmingham
<u>Propertymark Regional Conference</u>	1 October 2026	Harrogate
<u>A Conveyancing Law Update</u>	13 October 2026	Derby
<u>Propertymark Regional Conference</u>	13 October 2026	Sussex
<u>A Conveyancing Law Update</u>	15 October 2026	York
<u>A Conveyancing Law Update</u>	21 October 2026	London
<u>A Commercial Property Update</u>	22 October 2026	London

The LLC Register cost savings

Since it launched in 2018, the LLC Register has

- saved customers over **£4.7 million** in search fees
- saved users an average of **12.5 days** to obtain an LLC search result
- migrated more than **9.9 million** charges from **165 local authorities** to the register.



Figures accurate up to the end of August 2026

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The national LLC Register – total number of searches

Since July 2018,
we have recorded

470,692 official
searches

2,188,667 personal (free)
searches

2,659,359 total searches
of the register

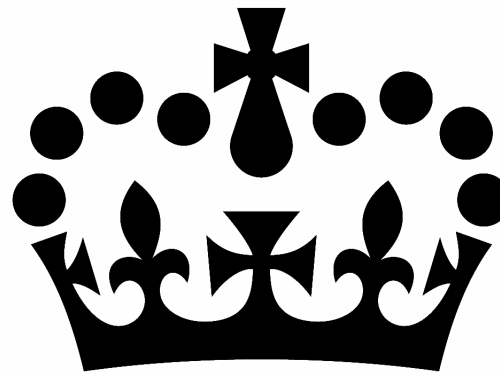
Search figures accurate up to the end of August 2026

Useful links

- We have numerous [case studies](#) with top tips from previously migrated local authorities.
- The [Local Land Charges Programme](#) page has a list of local authorities who have migrated their data to the LLC Register and further details about the programme.
- [Migrating your local land charges service](#) provides all the migration information local authorities need.
- [Practice guide 79: Local Land Charges](#) explains how to change the register, obtain searches and the compensation protocol for LAs in live service.
- To access the LLC Register, you can [search for local land charges on land and property](#). Business customers can also access it through their portal accounts or Business Gateway.

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

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



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