



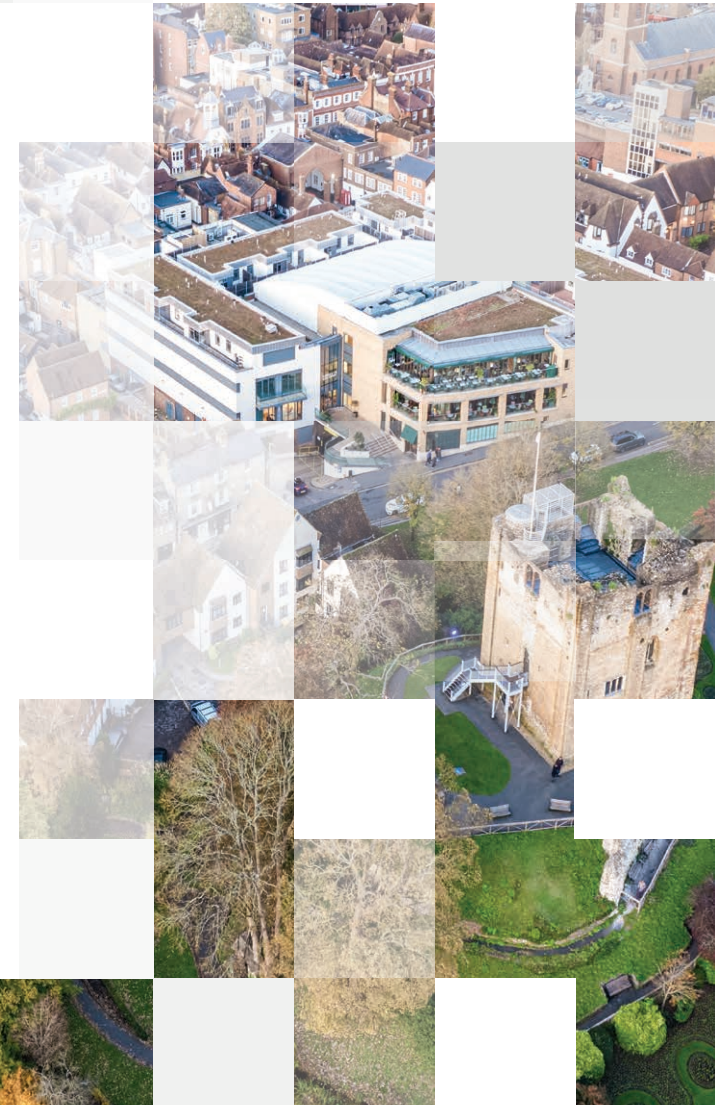
Local Land Charges news

October 2026

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

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Recent migrations to live service

One local authority successfully migrated onto the Local Land Charges Register in September.

Guildford Borough Council

17 September 2026

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



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What local government reorganisation means for local land charges

Local government reorganisation (LGR) continues to affect many local authorities (LAs) across England. We know this creates uncertainty, and we want to keep you informed.



Ministry of Housing,
Communities &
Local Government

On 7 September 2026, the Government announced a review of the LGR programme. This review does not mean reorganisation has ended. The Government remains committed to simplifying local government structures where this is possible.

What this means for you

Reorganisation does not prevent an LA's local land charges register from migrating. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has confirmed that reorganisation alone is not a reason to delay migration.

We understand this is a complex and sometimes unsettling time for LAs. Reorganisation can affect local systems, capacity and the knowledge held within teams. We are committed to listening to your concerns and planning in a way that avoids creating unnecessary extra work for you.

How we are working with you

We are taking a proportionate approach. Our most detailed planning continues to focus on Surrey which is not part of this review. Two new councils, East Surrey and West Surrey, remain on track to go live on 1 April 2027. We are closely monitoring other areas where LGR decisions are being reviewed. We will update our plans as the Government's review progresses.

Internally, we have set up a dedicated working group. It brings together policy, legal, migration, live service and stakeholder teams, so that we consider issues together rather than in isolation. We are also working closely with colleagues across HM Land Registry, recognising that reorganisation affects more than just local land charges. This group will work in parallel with the already existing external working group, made up of members of the LA Advisory Board.



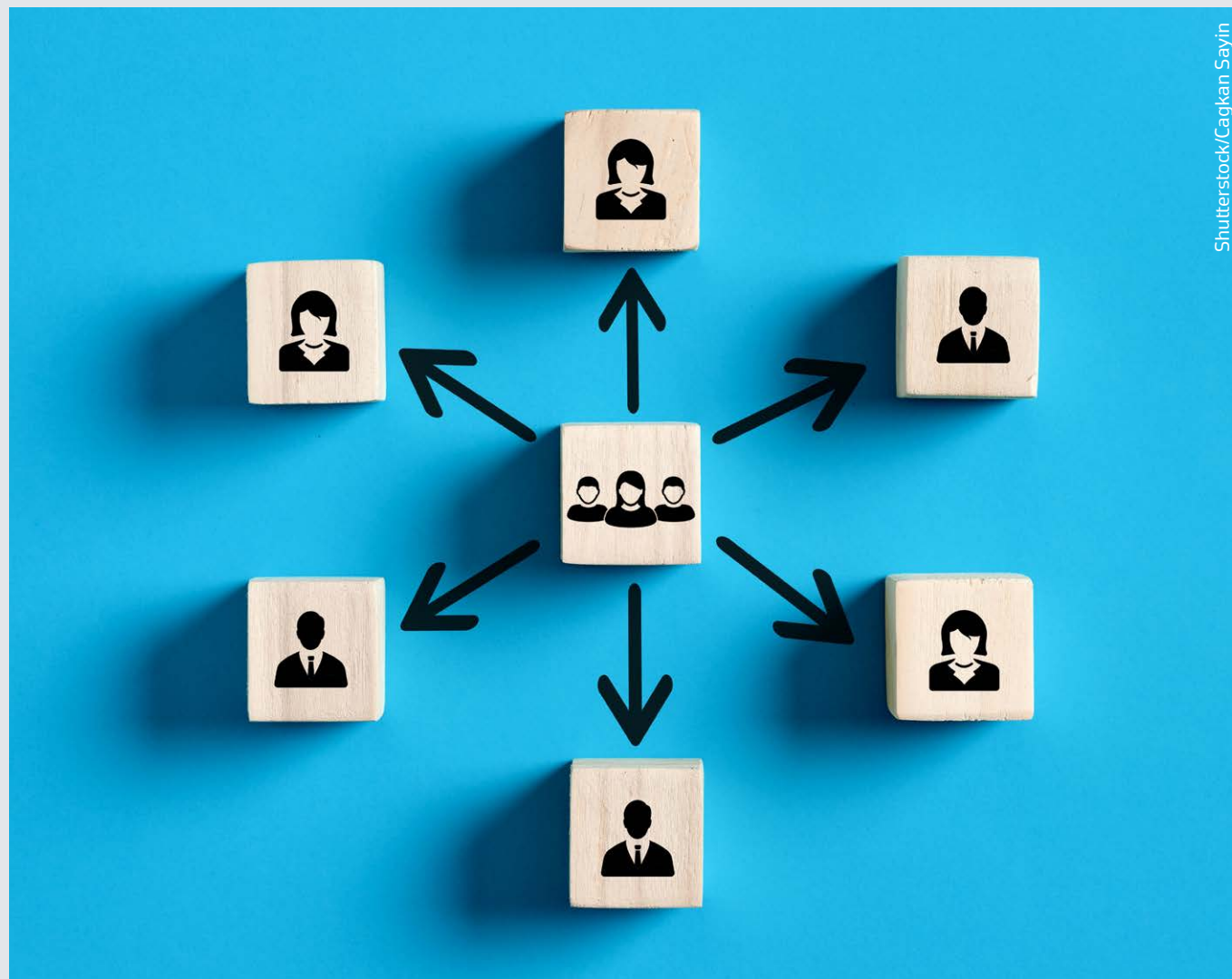
Our commitment to you

We know reorganisation raises real questions for your teams. We want to reassure you that we are considering the impact on our processes and actively looking for solutions.

Together with MHCLG, we are exploring options to support a smoother transition for LAs affected by reorganisation and considering how our processes might need to adapt. These conversations are ongoing, and we will share more details when we can.

We will continue to provide updates on reorganisation at in-person events, including our upcoming November regional workshops and through this newsletter.

Please keep sharing your local experiences with us. Your insight helps us plan more effectively and supports a smoother transition for everyone involved. If you have questions, [please email us](#).



Don't miss out – register for a November regional workshop today

Don't forget to register for one of our local land charges regional workshops in November.

These in-person events are for non-migrated local authorities and originating authorities currently going through the local land charges migration journey.

Why attend?

Workshops will focus on how we will support local authorities as we work towards our ambition to complete the programme by 2028. They will give you a clearer understanding of your role during migration, along with the tools available to support you. You will also find out what happens when you transition to live service while networking with peers from across your region.

What you will gain

By attending, you will:

- hear updates on the Local Land Charges Programme and what to expect during your migration
- see live demonstrations of tools that support the migration process
- hear directly from HM Land Registry's Migration Delivery and Live Service teams about the support we offer
- understand the impact of local government reorganisation and how this may affect your migration
- hear how HM Land Registry and the Digital Planning Programme are creating joint guidance and data specifications for migrating authorities and those in live service
- learn about the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's new AI-powered tool, Extract, which is transforming complex geospatial information from static documents into digital structured formats
- get an update on Land Data's National Land Information Service (NLIS) Next Generation. Launching in March 2027, this new platform is transforming how land and property data is accessed

- hear lessons learned and practical advice from guest speakers
- share best practice and network with other local authorities, national parks, county councils and HM Land Registry representatives.

Please register for one of the events 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](#)

Workshops will run from 10.00am to 3.00pm, refreshments and lunch will be provided.

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

Live Service Survey – next steps

Thank you to all the local authorities and originating authorities (OAs) which have taken the time to complete this year's Live Service Survey. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us improve the quality of service we provide.

This year, the survey was open to OAs for the first time, with many now in live service. We are looking forward to learning more about their perspective.

The Service Performance Integration (SPI) team will now carry out a detailed analysis of the results. We will share key actions and recommendations in the November newsletter.

If you have any questions, suggestions or feedback in the meantime, [please contact the SPI team.](#)



The Search Code marks 20 years of consumer protection standards

The Council of Property and Search Organisation (CoPSO) Search Code has marked its 20th anniversary. For two decades, it has set quality standards for the property search industry.

Since 2006, the Code has provided a framework for data quality, customer service and complaint handling. All subscribers are independently regulated by the Property Codes Compliance Board.

CoPSO Chair Allison Bradbury said: “The Code has provided an important benchmark for quality, helping to ensure that consumers receive the reliable information they need when making one of the most important financial decisions of their lives.”

Our shared aim with CoPSO is to maintain high standards and protect consumers throughout the conveyancing process.

The Local Land Charges Register now holds over 10 million charges from 166 local authorities . More than 2.7 million searches have been recorded, providing customers with high quality, instant results.



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>	21 October 2026	London
<u>A Commercial Property Update</u>	22 October 2026	London
<u>County Councils Network Annual Conference</u>	15 – 17 November 2026	Buckinghamshire
<u>Hull Property Trade Show</u>	26 November 2026	Hull
<u>Propertymark Kent</u>	1 December 2026	Kent

The LLC Register cost savings

Since it launched in 2018, the LLC Register has

- saved customers over **£4.8 million** in search fees
- saved users an average of **12.4 days** to obtain an LLC search result
- migrated more than **10.2 million** charges from **166 local authorities** to the register.



Figures accurate up to the end of September 2026

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The national LLC Register – total number of searches

Since July 2018,
we have recorded

482,876 official
searches

2,258,744 personal (free)
searches

2,741,620 total searches
of the register

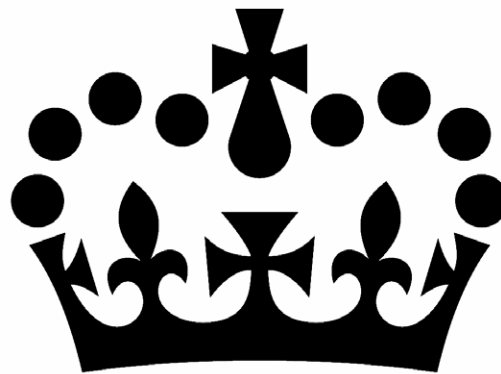
Search figures accurate up to the end of September 2026

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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