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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

Three local authorities successfully migrated onto the Local Land Charges Register in October.

Warrington Borough Council
1 October 2026

Horsham District Council
13 October 2026

London Borough of Tower Hamlets
16 October 2026

Migrated local authorities are listed alphabetically on GOV.UK



Whitechapel, London Borough of Tower Hamlets
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Property identifiers added to Price Paid Data

HM Land Registry (HMLR) monthly Price Paid Data now includes Unique Property Reference Numbers (UPRNs) and INSPIRE IDs. The new identifiers come in separate lookup tables, published with each monthly dataset.

A UPRN is a unique number for an addressable location. An INSPIRE ID uniquely identifies the spatial outline of land or property. Together these identifiers make it easier to match sale prices with other property and location data.

What does this mean for you?

— **Local authorities:** You already manage UPRNs, so you can link sale prices to your own address and spatial data. This can strengthen the evidence behind local planning and policy decisions.

— **Estate agents:** You can match historic sale prices to the right property more reliably. This reduces errors from inconsistent addresses and duplicate records.

— **Conveyancers:** Consistent identifiers help you confirm you are working with the right property, even when addresses are written differently.

You can download the identifiers through HMLR's existing public data channels and use them in your current matching and reporting processes. The lookup tables apply to datasets published from 28 August 2026 onwards.

Read the full news story on GOV.UK.



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Calling all estate agents – join our free webinar

One in three sales falls through. For you, that can mean months of work and no fee at the end. Often the cause is the same: something about the property comes to light after the offer is accepted, when sellers and buyers have fewer options.

Join HM Land Registry and Teal Legal on 30 November 2026 for a free 45-minute webinar. You will learn how the Local Land Charges (LLC) search service can help you spot issues before you list.

Register now

During the webinar you will find out:

— what upfront information, material information and sales packs mean for your day-to-day work

— what the government has planned, and when

— how the LLC search shows planning conditions, tree preservation orders, listed building status, conservation areas and other restrictions before you list.

The LLC search is one practical step, not a complete answer. But checking before you list could help you avoid surprises later. Search for local land charges on land and property – GOV.UK

Don't miss out. **Register now**.



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Live Service Survey: your feedback and our next steps

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete this year's Live Service Survey. We received 128 responses: 97 from local authorities (LAs) and 31 from originating authorities (OAs). With more LAs and OAs now in live service, your feedback is more important than ever to help shape how we make improvements going forward. Every response counts.

What you told us:

— **Support is a real strength** – 94% of LAs rated HM Land Registry's support an 8 or above, out of 10. A 10% increase from 2025's survey.

— **Relationship Managers are highly valued** – 96% of LAs and 90% of OAs scored our Relationship Managers at 8 or above, out of 10.

What we will do next:

Over the coming weeks, the Service Performance Integration (SPI) team will analyse your responses in detail and consider appropriate actions. After an initial review, these are the most common themes, and what they mean for you.

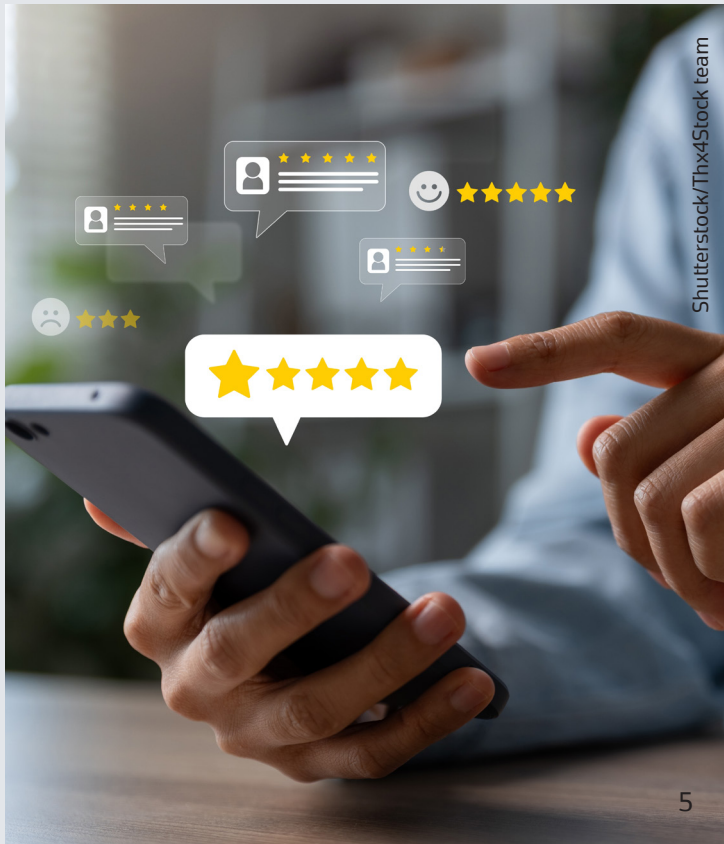
— **Protect the Relationship Manager model** – you value your Relationship Managers, so we will keep providing accessible, proactive support.

— **Make quality reports easier to act on** – we will simplify report layouts, explain errors more clearly and give you straightforward guidance on what to do to fix them.

— **Improve coordination between teams** – we will work towards clearer notification processes, defined responsibilities and clear escalation routes, to reduce delays. We will also look at contingency plans so that the local land charges service stays consistent.

— **Focus on the improvements that matter most** – we will tackle recurring Application Programming Interface (API) errors with clearer guidance and by working closer with suppliers. We will also make the Graphical User Interface (GUI) easier to navigate and simplify mapping and manual processes.

We will share our next steps, and an action log when the analysis is complete. **If you have any questions, suggestions or feedback,** contact the SPI team.



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Applications now open for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's Digital Planning Improvement Fund

Applications are now open for the next round of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) Digital Planning Improvement Fund (DPIF).

The fund is open to all local planning authorities (LPAs) in England that have not received DPIF funding before. It forms part of the Digital Planning Programme, which helps LPAs use technology to serve their communities better, faster and more transparently.

Successful LPAs will receive £50,000 during the 2026/27 financial year. They will also gain practical support to:

— build digital skills and capacity in their teams

— improve their planning data

— adopt digital tools that meet their needs

This support can help LPAs prepare for planning reforms and for changes such as devolution and local government reorganisation.

Applications close at 5:00pm on 11 December 2026. MHCLG will announce outcomes in early 2027, and funded work will start in spring 2027. Read the DPIF guidance to check your eligibility and complete the application form.

You can read how other LPAs have used the fund to improve planning data, build digital capability and make changes to their planning services.

If you have any questions, please email MHCLG's Digital Planning team.



Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

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Read our new local authority case study

Hyndburn Borough Council's case study is now live on GOV.UK. Hyndburn worked with HM Land Registry to cleanse its data from 100,031 registrations to 21,022 before going live on 15 June 2026.

The case study sets out the main steps in Hyndburn's journey and the benefits it has seen since migrating. It also offers practical advice for local authorities in the earlier stages of the migration process. Lessons include getting departments on board, cleansing data early and keeping search agents informed.

If you would like your authority to be considered for a future case study, contact your **Delivery or Relationship Manager**.



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No newsletter in December

We will not be publishing this newsletter in December, as it is such a busy time of year for many of you. Our next issue will be published on 18 January 2027.

If we need to share anything urgent with you before then, we will contact you directly.



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The LLC Register cost savings

Since it launched in 2018, the LLC Register has

- saved customers over **£5.1 million** in search fees
- saved users an average of **12.78 days** to obtain an LLC search result
- migrated more than **10.3 million** charges from **169 local authorities** to the register.



Figures accurate up to the end of October 2026

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The national LLC Register – total number of searches

**Since July 2018,
we have recorded**

495,701 official searches

2,331,632 personal (free) searches

2,827,333 total searches of the register

Search figures accurate up to the end of October 2026

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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:

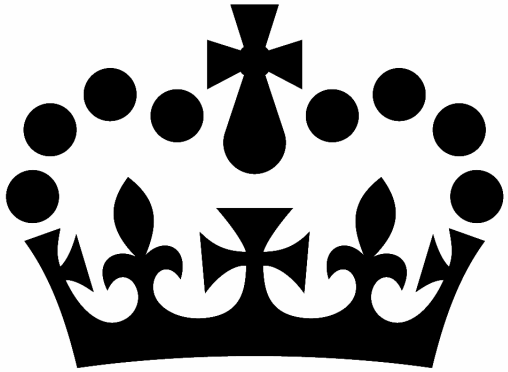
— important updates

— monthly newsletters

— case studies

— blogs

— webinars



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