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Mr Guy Shrubsole  
Via email

Date: **18 November 2016**

Dear Mr Shrubsole

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - 2729543**

Thank you for your request for information which was received on 20 September 2016.

Your request was:

*I am requesting release please of the following information:*

*GIS and / or location data underpinning the 'First Public Property Map' created by DCLG in 2011.*

*Details of this project are online here. The Gov.uk page includes a link to download underpinning data, but the spreadsheets only list properties, and don't contain any location data or GIS data. However, it's clear that location / GIS data was originally captured by the project, as it was accompanied by a now defunct map. My FOI request is for release of the location / GIS data (including any polygons) that underpinned this map, ideally in Shapefile format.*

*There is clearly a strong public interest in releasing this data, not least the reasons set out by former SoS Eric Pickles in the link above. (Please also note that data on local authority land/ property is NOT available via the Government Property Finder service, which lists only central govt property.)*

*If, however, DCLG holds a more recent and more comprehensive map or dataset giving the locations/ GIS data on local authorities' land and property than this one from 2011, I would rather this is released!*

Once again, please accept our apologies for the lateness of this reply.

This request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to advise you that I have established that the information you requested is not held by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

The information is no longer held as the public sector assets map was a pilot and was discontinued on 31 December 2012. Since then local authorities have been required by the Local Government Transparency Code to publish details of all the

land and assets they hold, on their own websites. This includes map references ([https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/408386/150227\\_PUBLICATION\\_Final\\_LGTC\\_2015.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/408386/150227_PUBLICATION_Final_LGTC_2015.pdf)). In May 2016 we consulted on strengthening the requirements in the Transparency Code, including requiring councils to record land and asset data on ePIMs rather than local authority websites. We will publish the outcome of the consultation shortly.

I hope this is of help.

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Yours sincerely

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