

Reference: 1961770

Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about surveying and geospatial activity.

We received this request on 19 February 2025 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the FOI Act”).

Your request and our response

1. What are the biggest challenges your organisation currently faces in surveying and geospatial activity?

We understand this is asking for comments or views, not information already held, and therefore we consider it is not a valid request under the FOI Act.

2. Are you confident in your full knowledge of the condition and knowledge of your impact on our local environment?

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3. What are your organisation’s key strategic objectives for the next 12-24 months, and how does surveying and geospatial fit into these?

From a Property and Facilities Management perspective, we have no foreseeable surveying or geospatial requirements (beyond reactive CCTV drain surveys) for the next 12-24 months.

Ofcom’s general objectives and priorities are published on the Ofcom website as part of our annual plan of work ([Consultation: Ofcom's Plan of Work 2025/26 - Ofcom](#)).

Geospatial analysis is one of many analytical methods we continue to develop and apply to our work, section 4.5 ‘Developing our data and digital function’. Examples of our geospatial analysis are available on the Ofcom website, including under the [Research, statistics and data - Ofcom](#) pages.

4. Please detail any planned development of sites or assets

N/A.

5. Do you have a supplier for drainage mapping and surveying?

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6. If so, please can you supply details of the contractual arrangements in place including date of award, details of any Framework used or link to the advertisement, contract value and duration

This is via a nationwide technical Facilities Management contract procured via Crown Commercial Services. The Contract Service Commencement Date was 21 January 2022, for a 5 year initial term with options to extend for an additional 5 years. Ofcom contract number ECM 697.

7. If not, please can you indicate what evaluation of the requirement for surveying and geospatial works have been undertaken?

N/A.

8. Please share your planned procurement pipeline for surveying and geospatial works for the next 12 months

None planned.

9. How do you engage with potential new suppliers—through open tenders, direct engagement, or supplier days?

Please refer to the Supplying Ofcom page on our website for information:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/about-ofcom/corporate-policies/supplying-ofcom/>

10. Please can you confirm the individual responsible for managing your surveying and geospatial contracts or wider development contracts and provide their contact details and role title?

For any Property and Facilities Management related surveying, our Head of Facilities & Property Management can be contacted on facilitiesteam@ofcom.org.uk.

11. Please provide a list of frameworks that you procure related services through

Crown Commercial Services.

12. Do you plan to repurpose any sites for renewable energy or solar farms?

No.

13. Do you have any issues with subsidence in your properties? If so, where?

No.

14. When developing/purchasing/selling a site, how do you verify that the boundaries are correct?

We appoint property solicitors who carry out relevant checks.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any further queries, then please send them to information.requests@ofcom.org.uk – quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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Request an internal review

If you are unhappy with the response you have received to your request for information, or think that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you do, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will either uphold the original decision, or reverse or modify it.

If you would like to ask us to carry out an internal review, you should get in touch within two months of the date of this letter. There is no statutory deadline for us to complete our internal review, and the time it takes will depend on the complexity of the request. But we will try to complete the review within 20 working days (or no more than 40 working days in exceptional cases) and keep you informed of our progress. Please email the Information Requests team (information.requests@ofcom.org.uk) to request an internal review.

Taking it further

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our internal review, then you have the right to [complain to the Information Commissioner's Office](#).