# HM Land Registry Local Land Charges



## **Newsletter May 2020**

Here is the latest information for local authorities about the Local Land Charges (LLC) Programme and the migration of local authorities' (LA) data to the live service.



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## Programme update:

Coronavirus (COVID19) has presented us with some unique challenges and opportunities in finding new ways of engaging. We have been working hard to prepare our new delivery and engagement approach that will see us launch new digital events and conferences. These will target local authorities with tailored content specific to the different stages of the migration. We will be sharing more details on these, and how to join, over the coming weeks.

Despite the challenges, our LLC team worked tirelessly with Carlisle City Council to ensure that on 21 April they were the tenth local authority to join our central digital LLC Register. I'd like to acknowledge the dedication and commitment shown by all those involved to overcome these uniquely challenging times and I'm pleased that, with our support, Carlisle City Council has been able to transform their LLC service.

We want to continue dialogue with local authorities at all stages of migrating their service to the new LLC Register. We know that there now considerations that may not have been there previously, but in delivering Carlisle's migration, we have shown that there will always be a way to move forward with the programme's support if necessary.

## Next authorities joining the LLC Register:

Following on from this, we are continuing to work with local authorities across England, with 12 in the process of migrating their data to HMLR's central register, and a further 35 undertaking data preparation activity ahead of their migration.

I am delighted to confirm that we are working with the following local authorities, who will be the next to migrate their data onto the central register:

- Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council
- Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council

- North West Leicestershire District Council
- Stratford-on-Avon District Council
- Sevenoaks District Council
- Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
- Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
- Spelthorne Borough Council
- Pendle Borough Council
- Epping Forest District Council
- Hambleton District Council
- Haringey Council

You can follow the updated list as each local authority's data is transferred to our new digital service on our <u>GOV.UK</u> page.

## **Upcoming Events:**

## Local Land Charges Programme local authority pre-migration webinar - 17 June 2020 10:00 GMT

I would like to invite you to join a webinar for local land charges decision makers who are yet to migrate to the new service.

This event will provide an update on the programme including progress to date and our plans for the future. We will be sharing details on our engagement strategy and delivery models and will cover how we are continuing to work with local authorities to prepare their data ready for migration during these unprecedented times.

You will hear from local authority colleagues who have completed the migration of their data and will have plenty of opportunities to ask any questions you have on migration, or the wider programme.

We hope you are able to join us.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

## Latest addition to the register:

We are pleased to confirm that notice was served on East Lindsey District Council on 29 May and will go live on 26 June 2020.

## Updates to the LLC Information Pack:

#### **Overview of the LLC Programme:**

The Overview of the LLC Programme document has been updated to reflect that there are now 314 LAs across England.

This document sets out HM Land Registry's objectives for the LLC service, outlines the features of the central digital register and captures the benefits of migrating to the live service.

#### **Service Statistics**

This graph illustrates the number of official searches purchased through HM Land Registry's business channels for migrated LAs.

Despite lockdown measures coming into effect, we are pleased to report that March still saw good numbers of official searches processed through our channels with our fourth highest volume sold to date.

April was understandably a challenging month for the conveyancing sector, and we see that reflected in our lower volumes of search applications. We are pleased to have demonstrated that we have capacity to issue search results, and those that we have issued have allowed transactions to progress despite the current challenges.



#### Feedback

As always, your feedback is important, as it ensures we can make continued improvements and refinements to the service. Please do contact us with any comments on <a href="https://licproject@landregistry.gov.uk">licproject@landregistry.gov.uk</a>.

With kind regards,

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