

HM Land Registry backs innovation and transparency with new data releases

HM Land Registry has today (28 July 2020) made available its authoritative data on Registered Leases and Restrictive Covenants across England and Wales.

This is part of its ongoing work to improve the availability and accessibility of its data. The datasets, which will be available through HM Land Registry's new [Use land and property data service](#), mark a big step in realising the wider economic potential in HM Land Registry's data, while enabling innovation in property related industries.

The Registered Leases dataset catalogues all registered leases, providing a new level of insight on property ownership for buyers, valuations and planners. Restrictive Covenants data will provide upfront information to house buyers on some 17 million existing covenants affecting properties, across England and Wales.

Both datasets will be published under a range of licences through the newly developed online [data hub](#) hosting HM Land Registry's full complement of available data with improved accessibility, electronic licencing, and full API integration. The licences include free-to-use terms for personal and research uses, a commercial licence for business use, and an 'exploration licence' tailored to foster the development of new and emerging products and services.

Dr. Andrew Trigg, Interim Director of Digital, Data and Technology at HM Land Registry's comments:

We're hugely excited to be in a position to launch these 2 datasets. We know that there's appetite and utility for this information in property related industries and look forward to seeing how it can positively impact the conveyancing process. Beyond this, we're intrigued to see what novel innovations find their way out of the UK's burgeoning PropTech space to make their mark on our digital economy.

This release follows HM Land Registry's recent announcement of its [INSPIRE Polygon Data being made available under more open terms](#) as part of the Geospatial Commission's Public Sector Geospatial Agreement. The inclusion of Unique Property Reference Numbers (UPRNs) in the Registered Leases data, enabling cross-reference with other substantial property data, signifies the latest step in a cross-organisational collaborative approach to support the economy through land and property data.

More information on the Registered leases and Restrictive Covenants datasets, their licencing terms, and sample data can be found on HM Land Registry's new data hub: [Use land and property data](#).

HM Land Registry's mission is to guarantee and protect property rights in England and Wales.

For more details on HM Land Registry's work in digital and data, you can find a host of updates in its latest [Annual Reports and Accounts](#) (page 29).

HM Land Registry was created in 1862. It operates as a non-ministerial government department. Its ambition is to become the world's leading land registry for speed, simplicity and an open approach to data.

HM Land Registry safeguards land and property ownership valued at £7 trillion, enabling more than £1 trillion worth of personal and commercial lending to be secured against property across England and Wales.

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