

From: Petty, Roger <[REDACTED]>
Date: 8 January 2015 at 08:08
Subject: FOI request re licensing and re-use of Land Registry's Price Paid Data under the Open Government Licence
To: "owen.boswarva@gmail.com" <owen.boswarva@gmail.com>

Dear Owen Boswarva

Thank you for your email of 7 December 2014.

In your request you raised the following query: Does the Price Paid Data, in the form published for re-use, include any third-party content that Land Registry is not authorised to license under the OGL?

We are responding directly to your query, rather than supplying the detailed information, as we feel that this is the most helpful way to provide clarification. Additionally, for your information, we are providing links to the following documents:

- Public Sector Mapping Agreement Member Licence, as this provides the terms on which Land Registry uses the Ordnance Survey AddressBase data: <http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/business-and-government/help-and-support/public-sector/guidance/licences.html>
- Postcode Address File (PAF) Public Sector Licence, as this provides the terms on which Land Registry uses the Royal Mail PAF data which is contained in AddressBase: <http://www.poweredbypaf.com/licensing-centre/public/data/documents/paf-data-psl-use-licence-2015.pdf>

You will have noted from the reply to Mr Wells's FOI request (referred to in your email - https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/price_paid_dataset_followup) that the vast majority of addresses in Land Registry's Price Paid Data will have been created or validated using OS AddressBase (which includes Royal Mail PAF data). On this basis, there are third party rights in addresses in the Price Paid Data which, at present, Land Registry is not authorised to license under the OGL. Land Registry is currently in discussions with Ordnance Survey and Royal Mail about this and we expect that the matter will be concluded shortly and that a statement will then be made to clarify the position.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with this response to your request, you may seek an internal review within two months of the date of our reply. Internal reviews will be dealt within 20 working days. If at the end of this time we are unable to respond, we will write to you explaining the reasons and giving you a new date. If you seek an internal review please write to:

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Trafalgar House
1 Bedford Park
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Email: [REDACTED]

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) within two months of the reply for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Land Registry. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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From: Owen Boswarva <owen.boswarva@gmail.com>
Date: 7 December 2014 at 20:47
Subject: FOI request re licensing and re-use of Land Registry's Price Paid Data under the Open Government Licence
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Hello,

This is a query and a request for information about licensing of Land Registry's Price Paid Data.

Please treat the request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. (I am primarily interested in obtaining a response to the query. However I am making the request for information in case Land Registry is unable to provide a definitive response to the query.)

For context, my query and information request follow from Land Registry's response to a previous FOI request here:

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/price_paid_dataset_followup

in which Land Registry explained that it uses PAF and AddressBase data to validate addresses in the Price Paid Data.

My query is as follows:

Land Registry's Price Paid Data has been released under the terms of the Open Government Licence (OGL). The Open Government Licence includes an exemption for "third party rights the Information Provider is not authorised to license". Does the Price Paid Data, in the form published for re-use, include any third-party content that Land Registry is not authorised to license under the OGL?

My information request is as follows:

Please provide a copy of any information held by Land Registry that is relevant to the determination of the above question. Such information might include, for example, internal guidance or advice or correspondence with potential third-party rights holders such as Ordnance Survey and Royal Mail.

Thank you for your attention to the above query and information request.

Best regards,

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