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Dear Nick

Collaboration between HM Land Registry and Ordnance Survey

HM Land Registry (HMLR) and Ordnance Survey (OS) have a long history of working directly together on delivery of our respective public tasks. From shared data and insights to HMLR's established use of OS's data, mapping and geospatial expertise, and OS providing surveying services to HMLR, we have a track record of working together in the public interest to further government policy objectives related to national security, property rights and economic growth.

This is underpinned by legislation in relation to land registration, our Strategy 2025+ and the priorities set by our minister, Matthew Pennycook, for us to "*work hard on opening up existing data and information on land, improving it's accessibility and lowering the barriers to access*". For OS, in its role as the UK's National Geospatial Authority this includes its Shareholder set aim to "*act as a technical authority, expert advisor and delivery partner on location data, authoritative positioning and geospatial matters with UK, Scottish and Welsh governments. This involves providing trusted, expert advisory services, supporting the delivery of innovative geospatial solutions*".

Accordingly, I am writing to you to confirm HMLR's intent to continue to work with Ordnance Survey (OS) in this way as opportunities arise and, in particular, to collaborate with and support each other in four key areas of mutual strategic and public importance:

1. Ensuring strategic alignment, in particular in relation to the Ordnance Survey NGD and OS Product roadmap and HMLR's geospatial roadmap and transformation
2. Sharing insights and concepting: what the market needs and how we can best fulfil our public tasks to drive economic growth
3. Leveraging opportunities for data distribution including making best use of OS's DataHub to provide HMLR data to market
4. Exchanging knowledge, skills and best practice in areas of shared interest such as licensing, geospatial, compliance; helping to create a consistent public sector standard for commercial models and reuse of data

I would like to propose that we establish a small working group or core team who can lead on the collaboration between our two organisations and deliver activity aligned to the four areas above. As an initial action, the team should also explore and put in place the most appropriate and viable legal structure or framework through which the collaboration, in whole or part, will be delivered to enable us to collaborate directly together on the areas outlined above.

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Working with OS in this way will add significant value to HMLR's ambitious geospatial and data transformation plans, elements of which we have already started to collaborate on with OS.

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I hope this proposal and confirmation of intent is agreeable to you and that you welcome the opportunity for our two organisations to strengthen existing ties and collaborate on delivery of our public tasks.

I look forward to hearing from you and please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information or wish to arrange a meeting to discuss matters further.

Yours sincerely,



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Interim Chief Executive and Chief Land Registrar