## Is your data AI ready?

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## Agenda

- Context of the national data infrastructure for street and address
- Why AI?
- Al as an opportunity and the CDO challenge
- Criticality of data and data quality essentials
- Prompt for thoughts, ideas and discussion



## The origins of GeoPlace – a Joint Venture partnership

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (Robert Neill)

...Government are today announcing they will bring together publicly owned address information for England and Wales from Ordnance Survey and local authorities to create a "national address gazetteer database", providing one definitive source of accurate spatial address data.

To deliver this, an agreement has been reached to set up a joint venture between Ordnance Survey and the local government group to create a single source of address data. Having just **one database will remove duplication and inefficient processes** in the public sector and will provide a **better quality of information for all users**.





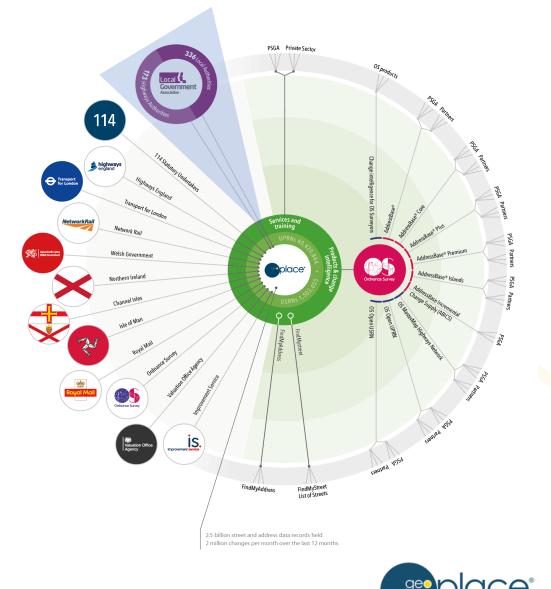
National Street Gazetteer National Address Gazetteer





#### What we do - The engine room of UPRNs, USRNs and authoritative reference data

- Complex data standard BS 7666 is our foundation
- 600 data providers GeoPlace link, validate (1000+ checks), link, enrich and transform, analyse and publish to create unified UK data sets
- 2.5 billion street and address data records each to a precise set of rules. Average 2 million changes a month.
- Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) is the unique identifier for every addressable location in the UK
- Unique Street Reference Number (USRN) is he unique identifier for every street in the UK.
- Available as NGD Address / AddressBase / OS Highways / National Street Gazetteer
- UPRNs and USRNs and associated geometry are Open data OS Open USRN / OS Open UPRN
- Mandated for use across UK government





# Local authorities rely on what we produce together

Imagine being able to ask: *"Show me everything we know in the organisation about..."* 

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## Nottingham City - an exemplar

#### Nottingham City ( ROI on use of add

Organisations of all kinds demand evidence investment. This new case study - 'Return o

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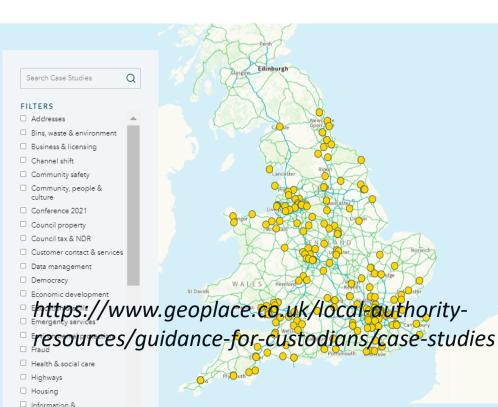
socio-economic value of address and stree be of huge interest to all local authority defor every £1 invested in the use of accurate potential to make efficiency savings and into £6. The report predicts that the benefits the period 2023 to 2026.



#### **Case Studies**

Are you looking for a case study on street data? Want to read a case study about addressing, or how to engage more effectively with your own authority? We capture the results from local authorities and Custodians' work across England and Wales, showing how valuable UPRNs, USRNs, street and address data is for society, people, businesses, and decision-making in general. Using address and street data to help realise the power of place. Sign up here to receive notifications of new Case Studies.







#### Nottingham City Council

JSRNs this study shows the value of different he report examined 6 specific areas:

sing data from 2018 to 2026 using the UPRN is

ated uplift of £6.2 million in newly-identified

impact of investing in better addressing will be

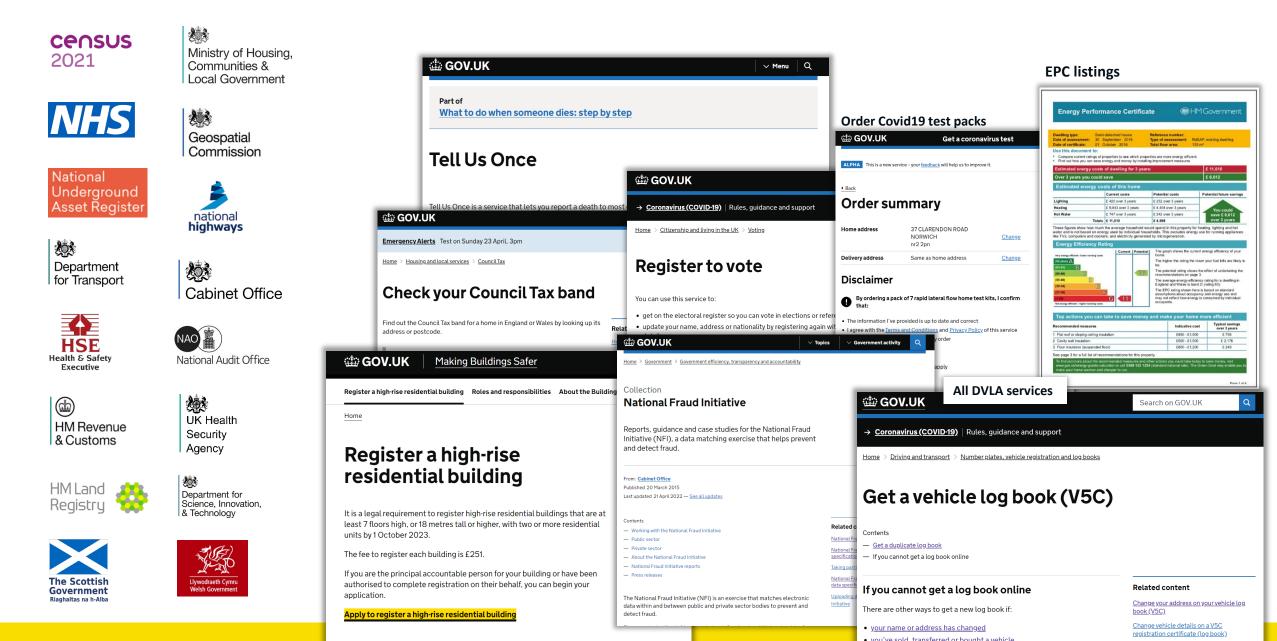
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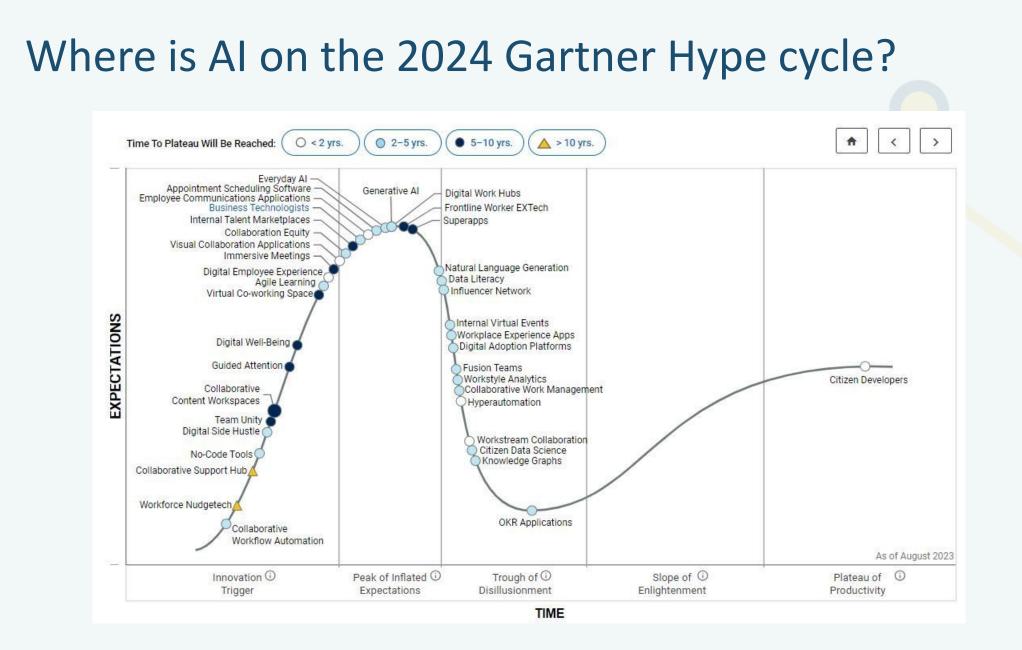


### Government relies on what GeoPlace produce – as originally intended



Businesses and commerce also rely on what we produce -Adoption driven by regulation, automation and competition.







# Why AI?



#### Better, quicker insights

Machine learning can sift through data faster than humans to find patterns and generate helpful predictions



#### Efficiency

Automates repetitive tasks that take humans a long time



#### Improved accuracy

Programs don't make mistakes like humans do - assuming they are programmed + data entered correctly and monitored



#### **Cost reduction**

Humans need rest, but AI doesn't sleep.





# Anything new?







Enigma

Alan Turing



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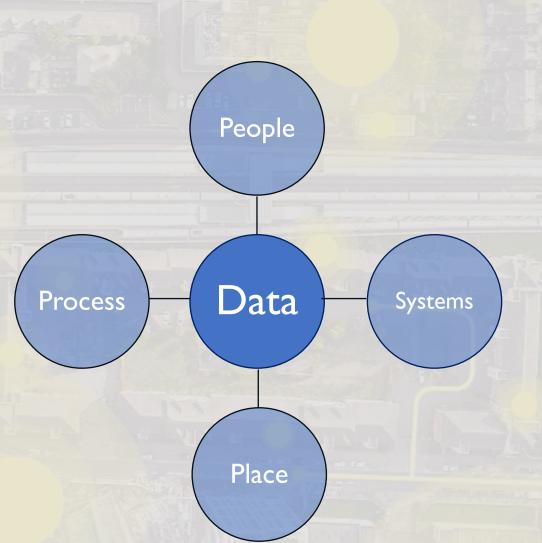
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# Data is at the heart of the best decisions and processes

- Process and data are the drivers **not** systems and technology
- Systems and technologies are interchangeable
- Better decisions and processes demand the best data – 'good enough is not good enough'
- National Data Infrastructure Providers you rely on what we produce
- Store once, use many is most efficient
- Identifiers (UPRN) underpins connectivity, geospatially enables, automation and right first time



## AI / computing answers only as good as the data provided CDO's challenge – is my data AI ready?





## Some data quality essentials

- Validity check data at the point of entry
- Accuracy agreed guidelines and entry conventions
- **Completeness** use of additional sources
- **Consistency** multiple providers and operators, tests to check 're-sync'
- **Timeliness** management strategies for updates, changes, deletions
- Uniqueness methods to avoid duplication

- Al to support data quality improvement strategies?
- Beware the overhead of 'false positives'





# **Closing thoughts**

Al driving a growing thirst for data

Leadership opportunity for CDOs - AI and invaluable highlight to support investment

Pointers for data quality – use what's available (e.g. UPRN, USRN) and invest

The best decisions require the best data

GeoPlace support for high-quality adoption – no match is better than the wrong match

