

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_20200221**
Date FOI Received: **09/03/2020**
Department: **Planning**
Title: **Frequency of planning policy map updates**
Description: **Copy of the shapefile or geopackage maps for planning policy and information on the frequency of updates.**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

Please provide me with either the shapefile or geopackage used by your planning department to produce your Local Authority's interactive planning policy map, an estimate of the frequency that such maps are updated.

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

The Council is unable to share digital shape format data as this has been created using Licensed Data from Hertfordshire County Council. The reason for this is that the provision of data in digital form would potentially prejudice the owner's commercial interest and is therefore exempt under Section 43 of FOIA. GIS data is used as part of the planning process and continually updated as required. Our terms of use prevent us from sharing this with anyone who is not licensed.

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services