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The Land Information Search supports the rural community in Scotland



SEEING THE WOOD FROM THE TREES

Many organisations and individuals require specific geographical information relating to Scotland's rural landscape. Now an effective web-based mapping application has been developed by Forestry Commission Scotland and partners, providing people in the rural community with efficient and detailed access to large volumes of data - saving time, effort and money.

THE CHALLENGES

- To make information on Scotland's forests and rural areas available to anyone with a vested interest.
- To take vast amounts of data and present them in an accessible way.
- To facilitate planning applications from land owners or agents planning to undertake forest operations or future land based developments.
- To make data available to the general public concerned about recreational activities and environmental issues.
- To identify relevant designations and land use constraints.

THE ANSWER

Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) in partnership with Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) developed an effective web application – the Land Information Search (LIS). The interactive application is delivered through Scotland's Environment website and funded through the EU Life+ programme. LIS allows users to run geographic searches and receive reports on environmental issues within their area of interest.

THE RESULTS

- Effectively communicates large volumes of geographic data in a clear and intuitive way.
- Highlights potential land use application issues, saving applicants time and money.
- Reduces FCS, SNH and the Rural Payments and Inspection Division staff time spent on proposal applications.
- Provides a framework for other relevant data sets, increasing the versatility of the application.
- Excellent example of effective cross-government body collaboration in the Scottish public sector.
- Easier for residents to convey locations.
- Quicker for engineers to locate issues.

'The Land Information Search project undertaken by the three partner organisations has resulted in efficiency savings in terms of application development and data delivery. However, most of the benefit will be reaped by the rural community through better access to environmental information. This project demonstrates how sharing data can create cost efficiencies in the public sector and also provide benefits to the general public. It's a great example of successful cross-government collaboration in Scotland.'

Howard Davies, Geo-Information Services Delivery Manager, Forestry Commission Scotland.



↑ OS MasterMap® Topography Layer

THE ESSENTIAL TOOLS

- OS MasterMap® Topography Layer
- 1:10 000 Scale Raster (Colour and Black and White)
- 1:25 000 Scale Colour Raster
- 1:50 000 Scale Colour Raster
- 1:250 000 Scale Colour Raster
- MiniScale®
- OS VectorMap® District
- OS VectorMap® Local

WHY CHOOSE ORDNANCE SURVEY DATA?

The **One Scotland Mapping Agreement (OSMA)** data can give you access to a range of mapping datasets which are free at your point of use, helping you drive down costs by harnessing data more effectively.

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