# XXX Council wins the Award for Best in XXX Region for excellence in street data information management

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XXX Council has won the Award for ‘Best in XXX Region’, recognising its outstanding management of the street information database. The Award was announced at a special webinar celebrating the achievements of local authority Address and Street Data Custodians, which took place instead of GeoPlace’s usual annual conference on 29th April 2020.

**Recognising outstanding achievement**

Land, property, street and address information connects different services – giving local communities and individuals a ‘property level view’ of the services available to them. Each year, GeoPlace’s Exemplar Awards highlight best practice and excellent examples of this data management by individual local authorities.

Dedication and coordination are needed to curate the data that drives the nation’s addressing infrastructure. Without this data, and the work of Street and Address Custodians, our nation’s most essential services could not operate effectively or efficiently.

The Best in Region Award is highly coveted and fiercely fought-for, due to the number of excellent performing authorities. XXX Council can be extremely proud of receiving the Award, a testament to the hard work and skill that goes into maintaining a constantly changing dataset.

High quality street information has never been more important, when authorities are responsible for managing flow of traffic on and use of the network. Coronavirus is imposing massive demands on the public sector, but accurate street information is key to supporting the country’s response to COVID-19, organisations need to have complete confidence in the roads and streets network and roadworks need to be managed efficiently.

This is why the Award is so important. It is recognition of the hard work and skill that goes into maintaining a constantly changing dataset – delivering tangible results directly back into the community. The Award puts a spotlight on services using the data, further helping to promote the importance of Custodians’ work.

The country’s street network provides one of the most important assets in society. Dedication and coordination are needed to create a seamless delivery of related services to the public. This street data is also used in a national Highways dataset – Ordnance Survey’s Highways Network product. The resulting data is a combination of data from local highway authorities via the National Street Gazetteer, Highways England data from the Trunk Road Street Gazetteer and accurate detailed geometry and additional road content from OS.

In announcing the Award, Jonathan Bates, National Street Data Manager said “XXX has achieved the highest standard of street information data management in XXX region which deserves recognition on a national stage. Achieving this level demonstrates excellence and commitment to a process that brings local and national benefits.”

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**About GeoPlace**

GeoPlace LLP is a public sector limited liability partnership between the Local Government Association (LGA) and Ordnance Survey.

GeoPlace is a world class expert in address and street information management, working internationally as well as in the UK to help our partners and customers maximise the value of their spatial information for better decision making.

GeoPlace maintains a national infrastructure that supports the address and street information needs of the public and private sectors. Its work relies heavily on close working relationships with every local authority in England and Wales. This relationship has been developed over 15 years, to build the National Address Gazetteer infrastructure and National Street Gazetteer. Ordnance Survey develops the range of AddressBase products from the National Address Gazetteer and OS MasterMap Highways Network from the NSG. Both datasets underpin efficient and effective services, bringing direct service delivery benefits to users.

The Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) and the Unique Street Reference Number (USRN) are the unique identifiers for every addressable location and street in Great Britain. They are created by local authorities who have the statutory authority to name and number every street and property and Ordnance Survey who identify objects on the landscape which may otherwise not attract an address.

These unique reference numbers link datasets together and share information with other organisations who also use them. They provide a comprehensive, complete and consistent identifier throughout a property's life cycle – from planning permission or street naming through to demolition.

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