

Public Rights of Way datasets

Derived Data Exemptions

Background

A request from Cambridgeshire County Council for a derived data exemption in relation to its Public Rights of Way (PRoW) datasets has been approved.

As a consequence, the terms equivalent to OS OpenData™ – see <http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite/opendata/docs/os-opendata-licence.pdf> – may now also be applied to these datasets.

Benefits to other members

As other Authorities also create PRoW, we encourage them to use the simplified process detailed below to claim exemptions for datasets that meet the following criteria:

- It must have been created by the Highway Authority (and Surveying Authority) with a legal obligation to maintain the Definitive Map and Statement of PRoW for the area in question.
- Whilst the position of the PRoW may have been inferred from topographical features depicted on Ordnance Survey data, the information relating to the existence of the PRoW must have been sourced independently.
- Whilst some of the PRoW may be coincident with the tracks and paths shown on Ordnance Survey mapping, those features must not have been the source of the PRoW data itself.
- The PRoW dataset must not include features and/or attribution sourced from Ordnance Survey's Licensed Data.

Please note that Ordnance Survey can only grant exemption status in relation to our own intellectual property (IP). If a PRoW dataset includes the IP of a third party, the licensee must ensure that they also have the necessary permission(s) from them.

How to submit a PRoW exemption request

To claim exemption status for a PRoW dataset that meets the above criteria, please download and complete the form below:

<https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/psma/docs/licences/prow-exemption-request-form.doc>

Completed forms should be sent to pscm@ordnancesurvey.co.uk. Terms equivalent to those for OS OpenData will apply to your PRoW dataset from the date of receipt.