

RESPONSE SENT: 26 March 2025

Request and Response (in red)

I am writing to submit a formal request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I kindly request the following details:

1. What are the biggest challenges your organisation currently faces in surveying and geospatial activity?

This information is not held by the Council, for the purposes of FOI/EIR legislation.

2. Are you confident in your full knowledge of the condition and knowledge of your impact on our local environment?

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3. What are your organisation's key strategic objectives for the next 12-24 months, and how does surveying and geospatial fit into these?

Progressing the adoption of the Regulation 19 Local Plan in accordance with the timetable that has been agreed at a <u>Cabinet meeting on the 12th February 2025</u>. The vast majority of allocated sites in the Regulation 19 Local Plan are in private ownership so there is no immediate need for the council to survey. Any associated geospatial data will be available as part of the adoption of the Regulation 19 Local Plan

4. Please detail any planned development of sites or assets

Please see link below to Cabinet Committee: Housing – there is a New Homes presentation at each meeting which provides information on our New Homes Programme.

Committee details - Cabinet Committee: Housing - Winchester City Council

Sites have been allocated in the <u>Regulation 19 Local Plan</u> for future development but these are the subject of <u>independent examination</u>.

5. Do you have a supplier for drainage mapping and surveying?

No

6. If so, please can you supply details of the contractual arrangements in place including date of award, details of any Framework used or link to the advertisement, contract value and duration.

There are no frameworks in place, where applicable, opportunities will be published here <u>Contracts Finder - GOV.UK</u>

7. If not, please can you indicate what evaluation of the requirement for surveying and geospatial works have been undertaken?

This would be completed at the point where a survey or new geospatial data is required.

8. Please share your planned procurement pipeline for surveying and geospatial works for the next 12 months

'Surveying' is a broad term - please clarify what you mean by this. In terms of geospatial works none is currently planned for next 12 months. There are currently no planned contracts surveying or the procurement of geospatial data.

9. How do you engage with potential new suppliers—through open tenders, direct engagement, or supplier days?

The council procures a variety of goods, services, and works using several methods to engage suppliers. We ensure our approach is proportionate and fair, avoiding any bias or distortion of competition. Our tools include public notices on the Find a Tender Service and Contracts Finder, supplier days, support from the Winchester Business Improvement District, and use of open tenders.

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10. Please can you confirm the individual responsible for managing your surveying and geospatial contracts or wider development contracts and provide their contact details and role title?

The management of surveying and geospatial contracts or wider development is the responsibility of several service areas within the council rather than a named individual.

11. Please provide a list of frameworks that you procure related services through.

None

12. Do you plan to repurpose any sites for renewable energy or solar farms?

No

13. Do you have any issues with subsidence in your properties? If so, where?

Yes, Sussex Street Winchester

14. When developing/purchasing/selling a site, how do you verify that the boundaries are correct?

By inspection of the site

15. Do you have any public cycleway schemes coming up in the next 12-24 months?

This information is not held by Winchester City Council- the Highway Authority for the area is Hampshire County Council.

16. How do you ensure the safety of your teams on site? Do you provide utility plans?

The risk is generally the responsibility of our Contractors, their risk assessments, and health and safety plans are reviewed. For new build developments yes, we do provide utility plans.

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