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Dear Transparency Team

UK LOCATION COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CONSULTATIONS ON DATA POLICY FOR A PUBLIC DATA CORPORATION AND MAKING OPEN DATA REAL

I attach a consolidated response from the UK Location Council to the Consultations on Data Policy for a Public Data Corporation and on Open Data. The Council is the strategic adviser to government on location data matters and steers the UK Location Programme (UKLP), which was set up to implement the UK Location Strategy and the EU INSPIRE Directive.

I should draw attention to two points which are made in the response. First, I should highlight that the majority of UK Location Council member organisations have been involved in the preparation of this document and have agreed the content. However, some Council member organisations are unable to give their formal agreement to the final document because of their proximity to the centre of the discussions on PDC and Open Data.

Second, I should emphasise that the UK Location Strategy is UK-wide, and therefore includes the Devolved Administrations. No indication is given in the Consultation on Open Data of how the proposals for Open Data would impact the Devolved Administrations. In the Consultation on PDC it is noted that the expectation is that the creation of a PDC will only apply to reserved matters within the UK. The Devolved Administrations of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland recognise the need for consistency across the UK while reserving the right to make their own arrangements

Yours faithfully

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