

CORE data matching to the Electoral Registration Data Standards Directive



All Local Authorities must format their electoral data and assign a Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) from the NLPG to each address in their Registers in order to meet the Ministry of Justice's (MOJ) data standards directive. Intelligent Addressing has been engaged by many authorities to help achieve this by the deadline of December 2009.

The MOJ directive is the direct result of recommendations set out by the Electoral Commission following lengthy consultation with the Ministry of Justice, political parties, Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and software suppliers.

The whole process is designed to improve the quality and integrity of electoral registers, enable effective checking of political party donations and help in detecting certain types of electoral fraud. Behind this work on data standards is the goal of achieving the Co-ordinated Online Record of Electors (CORE).

IA is helping EROs in many Local Authorities to meet the required standard. This involves a five-stage process which:

- checks data integrity
- converts it to BS7666 format
- matches it to the NLPG
- provides a detailed report suggesting how each authority should proceed
- returns anomalies that must be resolved at the local level.

As of the middle of April, the IA Special Projects team has received 131 Electoral Registration files so far and has returned reports on 128 of them. Over 8 million records have been processed with an average match rate of 97.33%.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q What do I do with the anomalies that must be resolved at local level?

A This will require liaison between the ERO and the Local Land and Property (LLPG) Custodian. The remaining unmatched records will need to be matched to a valid UPRN. If you decide to input the information into the spreadsheets provided with the matching report, you can send the completed spreadsheets to IA who will convert them and upload the UPRNs into the RoE data for you. Then, once you are ready, you can request the matched data in the format required for your Electoral Roll software.

Q What support is available for resolving anomalies?

A The IA Special Projects Team is available 9am-5pm Monday to Friday to answer any queries you may have. Our recommendation would be to start with the "easiest" spreadsheets first. A couple of the report spreadsheets contain UPRNs already. These just need to be checked and changed or confirmed where applicable.

Q What happens if the NLPG is missing some properties that are in my RoE?

A If the NLPG is missing subdivision information for properties such as HMOs or student accommodation, they will need to be inserted by the LLPG custodian and the relevant UPRNs passed to the ERO. For an admin fee, IA can help with this, please contact us for more information.



Any local authorities interested in using IA for their CORE data matching should contact:

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The service costs £1,806 plus VAT and the average turnaround time is 5-10 working days. We will provide you with a file of RoE/LLPG matches, unmatched records and a report detailing the results of the matching process.