Gazetteers and Police Command & Control Systems

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Background

• Project Manager for the tri-force Command & Control Project

• One system for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire

• Moved from:
  • 3 Stand alone gazetteers (one in each force) 2 of which were manually updated and 1 updated using Address Point

• Moved to:
  • 1 shared gazetteer updated from Address Base Premium

• All three historical Gazetteers had over 15 years of individual customisation for Policing purposes
Requirement

- Quality
- Consistency
- Ease of use
Quality

- Primary Quality Issues we have found:
  - Postcodes
  - Corporate Names
  - Grid References
Consistency

• Tewin in Welwyn? Or just Tewin? (721 vs 11)
• Little Gaddesden in Berkhamsted? Or Little Gaddesden? (377 vs 114)
• Chicksands in Campton? Or Chicksands (107 vs 453)

• 30 Robin Place on Boundary Way? Or 30 Boundary Way?
• 169 Magpie Place on Boundary Way? Or 169 Boundary Way?

• Flats......
Ease of use

• Morrisons
• WM Morrisons
• W M Morrisons
• Morrisons PLC
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• Etc.
Where are we now?

• It's getting better

• More opportunities in the future
Solution

• Everyone involved in the process of adding/amending/deleting locations
  • Suppliers of the data
  • Suppliers of systems that use the data
  • And data users
Thank you
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