

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

**Greg Slater**  
(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA150421-0748

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Dear Mr Slater

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 15 April 2021. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

*Are you able to share some of the data used in the London Building Stock Model? I'm looking to find reliable data on the footprint of domestic buildings in London - which looks to be stored in your model.*

*Are you able to publish a GIS shapefile of building polygons with a domestic / non-domestic flag? Or alternatively a csv list of the OS mastermap unique building reference TOID with the same domestic / non-domestic flag?*

Our response to your request is as follows:

The GLA does hold data in scope of your request - the building footprints you requested, which are based on Ordnance Survey Mastermap.

However, this information is exempt from disclosure under section 43 (2) of the FOIA (Commercial Interest).

OS's data is provided to the GLA under a commercial licence. This is a commercial data set so cannot be provided in this manner and for use outside of GLA's strategic practices for which the data is purchased. Access to these data can be obtained directly from the Ordnance Survey ([www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk](http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk)).

Section 43(2) constitutes a qualified exemption from our duty to disclose information under the FOIA and consideration must be given as to whether the public interest favours disclosure of the information covered by this exemption, outweighs the public interest considerations in favouring maintaining the exemption and withholding the information. In this instance we regard it not to be in the public interest to release information that would be detrimental to

commercial activities, specifically where the information is a commercially available product sold by a third party.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA150421-0748.

Yours sincerely

**Information Governance Officer**

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>