Elgin Public Data Charging Policy & Principles

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Elgin is sometimes asked to explain the principles of its charging policy regarding public sector information. This note provides a brief explanatory.

Part of the data layers set aggregated on roadworks.org is the official statutory roadworks or Streetworks notices which we harvest from Local Authority (LA) and Utility registers. Uniquely, we collect this information (from installed software agents) for both England & Wales and provide a free-to-view public service.

To distinguish between this data layer and the dozens of other data layers where the intellectual property rights are either wholly Elgin's or are derived from other sources and provided through roadworks.org on terms, we sometimes refer to this public sector data layer as the Roadworks Portal.

Elgin has undertaken this enterprise wholly at risk, with private investment, and receives no central Government funding. Nevertheless, we provide Roadworks Portal data free under certain circumstances to encourage innovation and the dissemination of roadworks information as widely as possible, to keep the public informed and encourage industry coordination.

In the following circumstances:

- Where a LA is a paying subscriber to the Roadworks Portal service, Elgin offers a basic free data feed API of the statutory data to that particular Authority's roadworks data.
- Where a LA is benefitting from the free Portal Lite service, Elgin reserves the right to charge third parties for API access to this data.
- Where a third party requires access to an aggregated data feed for multiple LAs, Elgin reserves the right to charge.
- Where the third party is using the data for not-for-profit, community or hyper-local services, or the third party is a start-up using the data for innovation, Elgin may at its discretion forgo charging for the basic aggregated data feed API (statutory roadworks only).

In all other cases Elgin is able to provide an aggregated data feed API service customised to the requirements of the end user and reserves the right to apply a reasonable charge to cover its investment in the data aggregation infrastructure, customisation, development and support.

Subscribers to the free API service are not covered by any service agreement nor security of supply guarantee.

Attention is drawn to the availability of a fully supported premium API service which includes road closures and diversions information, and which is a fully charged for value-added service. See here for further information.