

Public Data Principles

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The Roadworks Portal* is located at roadworks.org, a national communications hub for live and planned road and traffic information, developed and maintained by Elgin, a private company. It is dedicated to the widest possible dissemination of roadworks and traffic management information, to inform road users and to enable Highway Authorities, Utility companies and contractors to plan and coordinate roadworks, incidents and events efficiently.

Elgin receives no Government funding for its Roadworks Portal, but it recognises that Highways Authorities who provide the data would wish this public data to be collected, curated and disseminated according to public sector principles. Elgin therefore has voluntarily embraced the following 'Public Data Principles' and submitted its custodianship of this public data to the guardianship and scrutiny of its public sector and industry stakeholders.

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Elgin undertakes to collect roadworks information from the Streetworks Registers of Highway Authorities and other sources of roadworks information. It updates this data frequently and displays it accurately on the free-to-view map-based website, roadworks.org. This data is made further available in intelligent formats to industry for re-use.

In accordance with the principles and policy best practice of public sector bodies, Elgin further undertakes to adhere to the following principles:

- Fairness** - disseminate data equitably, making no exclusive arrangements with any party for the data.
- Maximisation** - ensure the widest possible dissemination of the data.
- Transparency** - go beyond public sector requirements by limiting the cost recovery on the Roadworks Portal to those allowed to wholly Government owned trading bodies.
- Challenge** - provide a robust complaints process which enables public sector stakeholders to hold us to account for our custodianship of public data.
- Simplicity** - commitment to simplify our processes and licences.
- Innovation** - commitment to the development of new and innovative forms of re-use of the public data.

These Public Data Principles are derived from the Government public sector information regime principles called the *Information Fair Trader Scheme* (IFTS), which applied to all publicly owned information trading bodies (e.g. Ordnance Survey, Met Office, etc.) from 2005 to 2018 when the formal scheme was wound up. Elgin's own Guardians Committee, administered under the IFTS regime, was discontinued as a consequence on 6 June 2018. However, Elgin continues to embrace the public sector principles espoused by the late Government scheme.

**The Roadworks Portal is the name we ascribe to the statutory roadworks information only on the roadworks.org platform. It is this layer which is subject to our Public Data Principles. There are 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.*