



Request

1. What are the biggest challenges your organisation currently faces in surveying and geospatial activity?
2. Are you confident in your full knowledge of the condition and knowledge of your impact on our local environment?
3. What are your organisation's key strategic objectives for the next 12-24 months, and how does surveying and geospatial fit into these?
4. Please detail any planned development of sites or assets
5. Do you have a supplier for drainage mapping and surveying?
6. If so, please can you supply details of the contractual arrangements in place including date of award, details of any Framework used or link to the advertisement, contract value and duration
7. If not, please can you indicate what evaluation of the requirement for surveying and geospatial works have been undertaken?
8. Please share your planned procurement pipeline for surveying and geospatial works for the next 12 months
9. How do you engage with potential new suppliers—through open tenders, direct engagement, or supplier days?
10. Please can you confirm the individual responsible for managing your surveying and geospatial contracts or wider development contracts and provide their contact details and role title?
11. Please provide a list of frameworks that you procure related services through
12. Do you plan to repurpose any sites for renewable energy or solar farms?
13. Do you have any issues with subsidence in your properties? If so, where?
14. When developing/purchasing/selling a site, how do you verify that the boundaries are correct?
15. Do you have any public cycleway schemes coming up in the next 12-24 months?
16. How do you ensure the safety of your teams on site? Do you provide utility plans?

Response

- 1 & 2 These questions are requesting opinions rather than recorded information, and so the Council is not able to provide a response under the Freedom of Information Act
- 3 Mission 1: Create fair opportunities for all children, families, residents & businesses.
- Mission 2: Make all our towns and neighbourhoods flourish for those who live and work in them.
- [Progress with Unity: A new era for Wigan Borough](#)
- 4 All schemes are detailed on our website: www.wigan.gov.uk/majorprojects
- Details of all planning applications, including any for developments of the types referenced, are in the public domain at:
- [Search and comment on planning applications](#)
- 5 We currently use Kaarbontech to store our asset data for highways. Our internal teams update this mapping system following inspections and works.
- 6 The majority of our works and inspections are carried out in-house. Any works conducted by an external contractor are procured following our procurement rules and regulations, as and when needed.
- 7 Drainage surveys are carried out on a reactive basis.
- 8 Our procurement pipelines / Commissioning Intentions for the last few years can be found here - [Business and tendering opportunities](#). With the new Procurement Act 23 changing where Contracting Authorities are asked to publish these, Wigan Council will publish a procurement pipeline notice to the new Central Digital Platform prior to the 26 May 2025. We will also upload to the Council's website also in the interests of helping businesses. We are presently asking commissioners what they intend to buy for the next 18 months (in line with the Procurement Act 23).
- 9 We use all of these methods to engage with potential suppliers. Please sign up to 'The Chest' procurement portal (www.the-chest.org.uk) to receive alerts to opportunities.
- 10 The Council believes that the names of team members below Chief Officer level is personal data and therefore exempt under s40(2) of the Freedom of information Act 2000.
- Our webpage:- [Business and tendering opportunities](#) explains how to engage with opportunities to supply goods and services to the authority.

- 11 Crown Commercial Services frameworks, Pagabo, Fusion 21, Consultancy Plus, various YPO frameworks as Wigan are a founding Authority. Our Flood Risk Team have also procured work through the EA's CDF for Surface Water Mapping
- 12 Details of all planning applications, including any for developments of the types referenced, are in the public domain at: [Search and comment on planning applications](#)"
- 13 We do not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations. I am satisfied the cost limit applies to your request and will explain why this is the case

Property repairs are specified and ordered on a case-by-case basis. The Council is responsible for over 20,000 individual properties (including Council homes) and so providing the information would necessitate interrogating the repairs history of each property individually. Assuming an absolute minimum of 30 seconds to access and review each record, it is estimated that this would take at least 166 hours.

- 14 Wigan Council verify land boundaries from plans supplied if purchasing, Land Registry title and Deed information if available. If disposing knowledge of the site again Land Registry Title and Deeds if we have them.
- 15 Yes, all schemes are detailed on our website: www.wigan.gov.uk/majorprojects
- 16 Safety of council officers is in place through corporate policy and procedures being adhered to. Yes, we provide utilities drawings to contractors.