JBA Comprehensive Flood Map launches on Landmark Labs

Landmark Information Group has released on to the Landmark Labs portal, a sample dataset of **JBA Risk Management Limited**'s latest **Comprehensive Flood Map of Great Britain**, to enable land, property and environmental professionals to preview JBA's extensive flood risk data and give feedback on its potential applications and suitability. By accessing the sample data on Landmark Labs, users have the ability to interrogate JBA's extensive flood datasets in the vicinity of Goring-by-Sea, showcasing the highly detailed flooding extents and associated flooding depth information. The sample provides a preview of the new datasets that are now available and provides users with an even greater breadth of flood risk assessment information. www.envirocheck.co.uk www.jbarisk.com

1Spatial Delivers Ordnance Survey Ireland Data Platform for Growth

1Spatial has deployed its **1Spatial Management Suite** (1SMS) at **Ordnance Survey Ireland** (OSi) to populate and manage the organisation's new real-world object database, **PRIME2**. Activities that would typically have taken weeks in the past, can now be done in just days. **OSi** has seen a steady increase in demand for reliable spatial data, in particular to inform decision-making within government bodies. The organisation used 1Spatial Management Suite to move from managing cartographic content to running a real-world, object-oriented data model; a digital representation of the landscape made-up of over 50 million individual objects, each with its own **Globally Unique Identifier** (GUID). **Colin Bray, Chief Executive Officer** commented "This move to a real-word, features-based database has been one of the largest innovations we've undertaken". www.1spatial.com

Ordnance Survey extends OS MapFinder app to Kindle market

Ordnance Survey's popular **OS MapFinder** app is now available on the **Kindle Fire HDX**. **Nick Giles Managing Director of Ordnance Survey Leisure**, said: "We are delighted to bring our hugely successful application, OS MapFinder to the Kindle market. OS MapFinder is free to download, from the Amazon App Store, and provides free overview mapping for the whole of Great Britain." A unique feature of the fast and easy to use app is the tile download facility, which provides users with the ultimate freedom to choose the maps they want. All maps can be used even without a Wi-Fi or mobile signal, improving reliability and the experience of using the maps outdoors. www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk

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What's up Gov?

The news that that Ordnance Survey transferred from being a Trading Fund to a government-owned Company (GovCo) on 1April came as little surprise, having been trailed for some months.

Sir Rob Margetts CBE, Ordnance Survey Non-Executive Chair, says that the transfer to a GovCo will provide a conventional business structure for sustainable long-term growth, investment and product development. And, indeed, the move does give Ordnance Survey the flexibility to enter into private sector mergers without the usual constraints placed on the civil service.

But could the extra freedom conferred by GovCo status be regarded as another step on the road to privatisation? The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) says not. Yet many will be wondering at the intentions of the Shareholder Executive (the body within BIS that manages the Government's financial interest in Ordnance Survey) following last year's furore over leaked plans for the privatisation of another organisation within its remit, the Land Registry.

Ordnance Survey says that new directors for the GovCo will be announced in due course. Perhaps the background of those appointed will provide a clearer pointer as to those intentions .. and to the future for open data.