



ODP General Meeting

12th May 2025

What's the purpose of this meeting?

- **When is it?** Monthly, first Monday of the month
- **Who is it?** Everyone involved in Open Digital Planning (over **150** LPAs, delivery partners and the MHCLG team)
- **What is it for?** It's our opportunity to give updates, share opportunities, showcase some of the work happening in the community, and (sometimes) bring in speakers from elsewhere that are relevant to the work we do
- **Is it recorded?** No, but we do add the slides to notion

Agenda

- Community update
 - Hackathon!
 - ODP events
 - ODP hub
 - Contact details request
- Back Office Market Analysis
- Opportunities
 - Learning and Development
 - Planning data user research
 - DPR
 - Coming soon: i.AI and extract

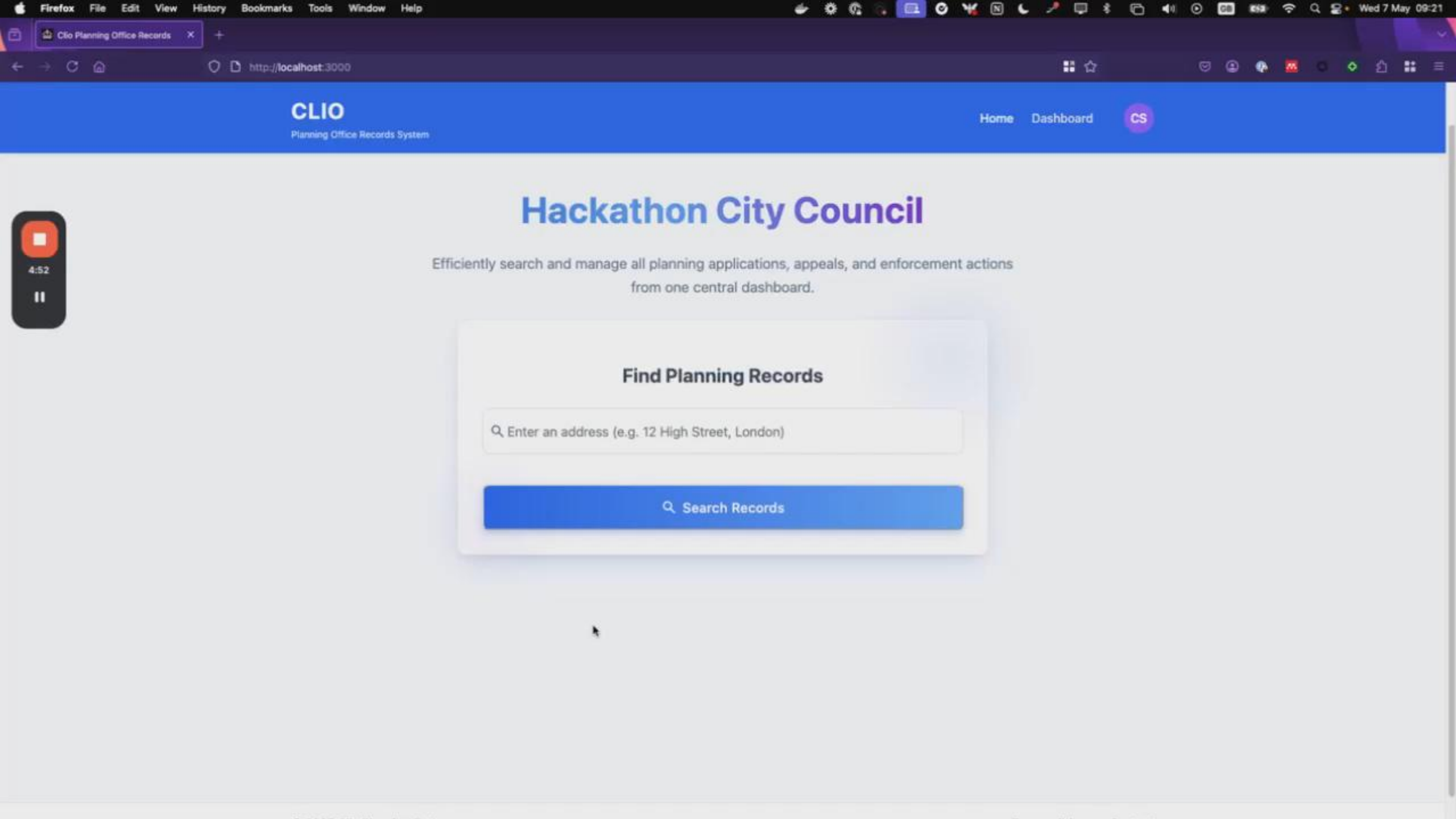
Community update

Planning Hackathon

Tackling real world planning challenges

- Hosted by GDS, I.A.I, ODP and MHCLG 🏢
- 150+ people from LPAs, central gov and industry 🧑 🧑
- 15 multidisciplinary teams 💪
- 4 problem statements 🤔
- Boatloads of amazing ideas! 💡





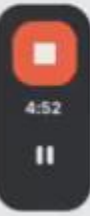
Hackathon City Council

Efficiently search and manage all planning applications, appeals, and enforcement actions from one central dashboard.

Find Planning Records

🔍 Enter an address (e.g. 12 High Street, London)

🔍 Search Records



ODP events

Let's roll 🎲



Welcome events

- Welcome events are **open to all**, but especially our brand new LPAs in the community
- Strongly encourage that everyone attends one welcome event
- You'll meet each other, find out more about ODP, and take part in activities that help define how we work and what we prioritise
- You can use your funding to attend
- 10th June: London (Tower Hamlets)
- Second date TBC
- Sign up details will be shared on slack this week



Save the date!

- ODP Camp 2025 will be on 16th October in Rochester, Medway
- ODP Camp is our biggest event of the year, we have space for EVERYONE to join us
- Huge thanks to Stacy Pring and the rest of the team at Medway for volunteering to support this
- More details to follow



ODP hub

The ODP hub is moving

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- The ODP hub is where you access all resources and information related to Open Digital Planning (for example meeting recordings, DPMA guidance, training information)
- Currently this is on a tool called notion
- By the end of May, we will be moving the ODP hub to the ODP website
- The move is due to changing pricing structures, and finding an option that is sustainable for the community, and the best use of public money
- We will share more details in due course, this is just for information right now.

Contact details request



Contacts Update

- We've grown over the past year!
- We'd like to check in and ensure we have the correct contact details for your LPA
- Quick form that covers all contacts and if LPA's are in more than one fund
- **Not** required for any LPA's that have recently joined (new DPI or Strategic Projects)

Back Office Market Analysis

The tide that rises all boats



Back Office Market Analysis

We're running a quick check on back-office planning software used by LPAs in the ODP community and any other relevant information. This helps inform our engagement with the sector.

Please comment in the chat with the following:

- Your local planning authority
- Current back-office planning supplier (e.g. Idox) and product (e.g. Uniform), if known
- Any upcoming changes (i.e. upgrades or switching to a different supplier)

Note: We're asking specifically about back-office planning software, rather than your Document Management System. To share additional information, contact rafael.garcia@communities.gov.uk

Opportunities

Learning and Development

Learning and development

Sessions are starting this week!!

- Series of online 101 introductory sessions that last 45mins – 1hr
- Topics align with the different categories of the Digital Planning Maturity Assessment
- They will take place on Wednesday's 11:30 - 12:30
- All sessions will be recorded and shared on ODP Hub.
- If you are part DPIF cohort 3, you will **automatically receive an invite** to each of the sessions - but attendance is optional!
- Invites to 101's have been sent out today, feel free to forward to relevant colleagues

Learning and development

101 Schedule

Agile 101 14th May	User research 101 21st May	User centred design 101 28th May	Content Design 101 4th June	Impact measurement 101 11th June	Procurement 101 18th June	AI 101 25th June	Change Management 101 9th July	Citizen engagement 16th July
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More in-depth in-person and online training sessions will be announced soon!

If you haven't received invites to any of these sessions – and want to, contact Kelly

- on [slack Kelly Duggan](#)
- via email kelly.duggan@communities.gov.uk

Planning data user research

Reminder - taking part in research

Submit Planning Data Service



National planning data in one place

Having a national index of planning data means developers, housing associations, policy colleagues, researchers and journalists can access the data they need simply and quickly.

It means less overhead for local authorities and organisations, reducing the time spent preparing for data requests and freedom of information requests.

The data is updated from local authority websites every night, ensuring the data is up-to-date and complete.

You provide trusted and authoritative local data

Your organisation is responsible for providing authoritative local data, which is why you must publish it on your website.

You need to provide information about the data on your website including links to the data itself. This can be a simple file hosted on your website, but it's better if it is supplied through an API that links directly to your planning database software.

[Read the guidance on how to provide planning and housing data.](#)

<https://submit.planning.data.gov.uk/>

Our team is working hard to build and improve the submit service.

Our aim is to improve and support your experience of preparing and submitting planning data on to the platform.



Join us in shaping the service

- Join our research pool to take part in research.
- LPAs find taking part in research quite rewarding as they get to see some of their feedback being implemented in real life.

[Sign up now!](#) 😊

Join our research pool to partake
in User Research for Submit
Planning Data.



Digital Planning Register

Digital Planning Register needs you!

Camden Digital Planning Register

Application search Help

Beta This is a new service. Help us improve it and [give your feedback \(opens in new tab\)](#).

Welcome to the Digital Planning Register

[Sign up for email alerts](#)

You can find planning applications submitted through the Open Digital Planning system for your local council planning authority.

Not all planning applications will be available through this register. You may need to check individual council's websites to see what records are kept here.

Search by application reference, address or description

[Search](#)

Recently published applications

Application reference	Address	Description	Application type	Status	Received date
25-00160-HAPP	140, WOODWARDE ROAD, LONDON, SE22 8UR	Single storey rear extension.	Planning permission	Consultation in progress	28 Apr 2025

[Comment on this application](#)

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Progress

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- Received** 28 Apr 2025 [Show more info](#)
- Valid from** 30 Apr 2025 [Show more info](#)
- Published** 8 May 2025 [Show more info](#)
- Consultation ends** 30 May 2025 [Show more info](#)

Description

Single storey rear extension.

Documents

To find out more detailed information, please read the following document(s) provided by the applicant.

Our service allows users to view, search & comment on planning applications.

Currently...DPR **only** displays applications that come through from **BOPS**.

This is causing some frustrating problems

LPAs

- Many can't adopt DPR
- LPAs have the data but it's difficult to extract and not all sources have the same information
- Harder to achieve a single register

External users

- Most feedback we get from users is to do with the **lack of applications** available to view
- And the lack of **historical** applications

Mission: get application data from any source

We've been working on how DPR can become back-office system agnostic and get data from multiple sources.

Eventually we want to extend beyond planning applications and also show enforcements...and more.

Don't have time to go through our findings right now...but...

We're looking for LPAs to pilot with

Our criteria...

- Using Uniform
- Have someone technical internal we can speak to who understands the systems and data you have
- We need to be able to dive into what you're using (access)

👉 Get in touch with the team!

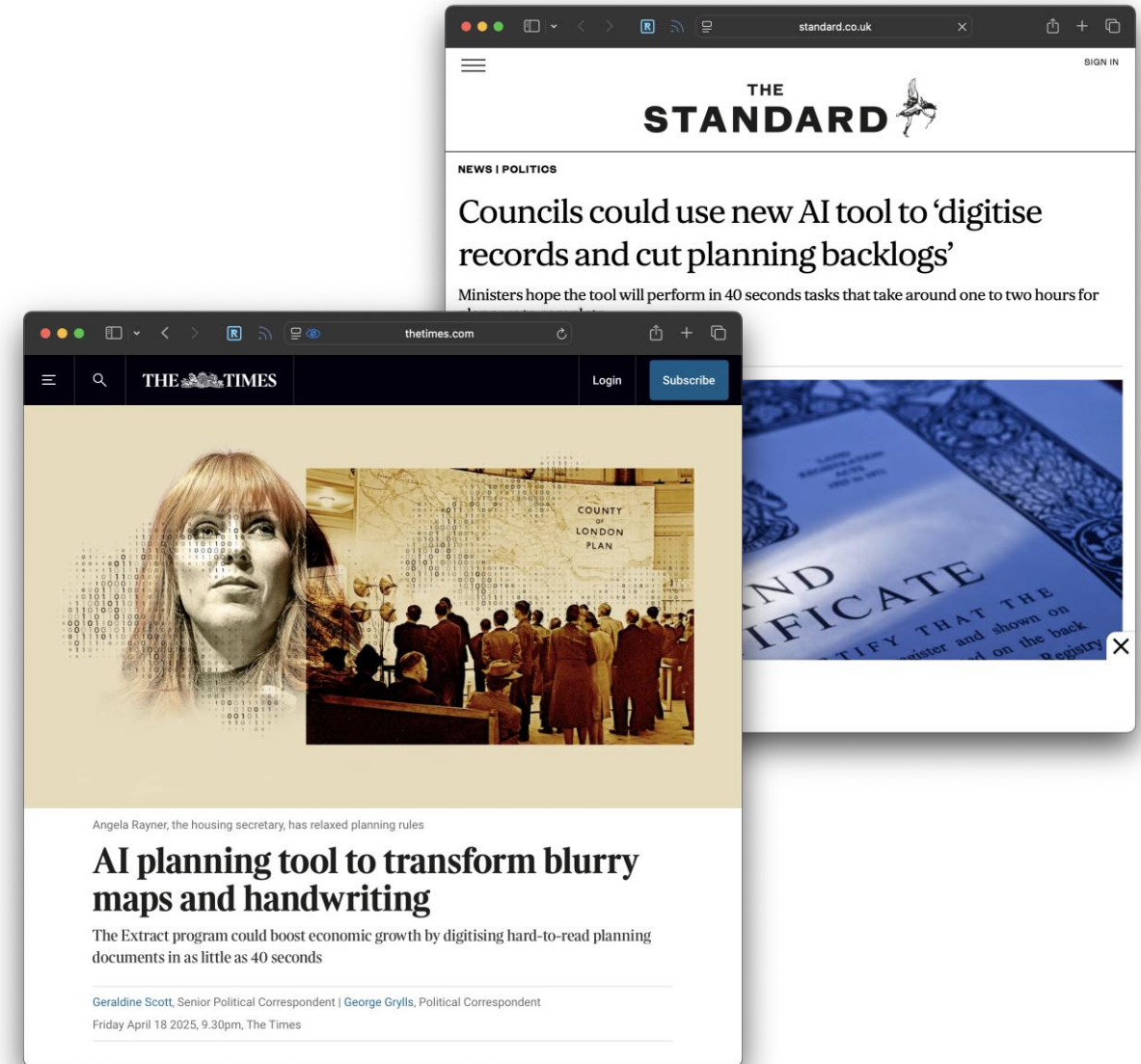
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Coming soon: i.AI and Extract

What is Extract?

Initial hypothesis: Can we use an AI workflow to turn documents into datasets?

12-week incubation project resulted in a workflow that produces valid, accurate, standards-compliant tabular and geospatial planning data in 95% cases.



What we need from you

Next phase: we need 3 to 5 local planning authorities to help us test the workflow on real documents.

Coming soon. Keep your eyes peeled! 🕒

Summary from today

- Sign up to attend a welcome event, 10th June and TBC [see slack]
- Save the date: ODP camp 16th October
- Look out on slack for information about ODP hub moving to ODP website
- Fill out our contact details form [2024 or earlier joiners]
- Join our upcoming learning sessions
- Get involved with planning data, DPR and Extract opportunities!

Questions

Thank you!
