



ODP General Meeting

3rd February 2025



Agenda

- MHCLG funding update
- Expression of interest for pilots
- Overview of AI 101 session

MHCLG funding update

PropTech Innovation Fund - Round 4

- Round 4 is now being wrapped up
- Reports and M&E data is showing some fantastic stats
- Looking to share the before and after numbers later in the year
- Internal discussions have begun on case studies - where they should live and how can they be most helpful
- A big thank you once again to all those that took part!

PropTech Innovation Fund - CF

- Pleased to say that 12 projects have been selected for Continuous Funding
- This means we are able to continue working with 22 LPAs across the country
- 1:1's with all Lead LPA's have now been completed and funds have been shipped as of today
- First group session will take place this Thursday
- Invite all questions from the ODP community and look forward to sharing the exciting progress!

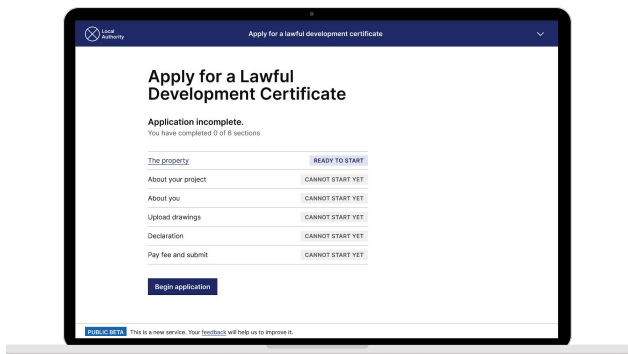
PropTech Innovation Fund - CF

- 1) Plymouth City Council / South Hams District Council / West Devon Borough Council
- 2) West Oxfordshire District Council / Nottingham City Council / Cotswold District Council
- 3) South Cambridgeshire District Council / Cambridge City Council
- 4) North East Derbyshire District Council / Bassetlaw District Council / Chesterfield Borough
- 5) Newcastle City Council / Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council
- 6) Central Bedfordshire Council
- 7) Basildon Borough Council
- 8) North Kesteven District Council / City of Lincoln / West Lindsey District Council
- 9) Dacorum Borough Council
- 10) City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council / Nottingham City Council
- 11) Tandridge District Council
- 12) East Herts District Council



Expression of interest for pilots

The ODP Product Suite



PlanX: Application submission and guidance services



BOPS: Back Office Planning System



Digital Site Notice / Digital Planning Register

Guidance and submission

Assessment and processing

Consultation and engagement

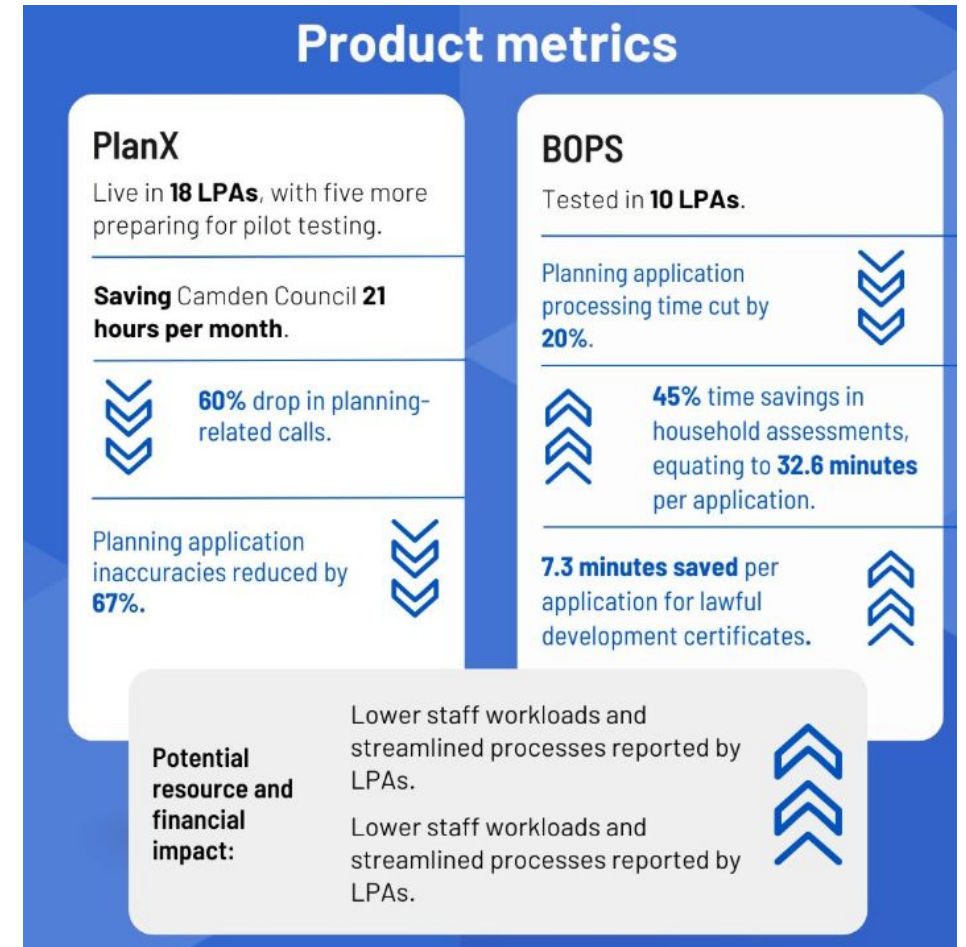
What is a pilot?

- Using ODP products (PlanX, BOPS and DSN/DPR) to receive and process **live planning applications** end-to-end
- Alternative to BAU systems (no requirement to dual process)
- Collect metrics and feedback
- Current pilots in: Barnet, Camden, Lambeth and Medway councils



Why should you take part?

- Get hands-on experience with the products in a trial environment
- Demonstrate the savings for your LPA
- Support and guidance throughout the process
- Provide valuable insights to the product teams



Want to find out more about taking part?

- [Check out the slack post](#)
- Join our sessions on **12th February** (3pm) and **26th February** (3.30pm)
- Reach out to me, Matt Brooks or Ben Duckworth

 **Emily Hadley - MHCLG** 10:28 AM Today

 **Calling all councils: Expression of interest for ROUND 2 of ODP Product pilot launch** 

We are looking for at least 3-5 NEW LPAs to take part in a pilot this spring (est. April) to test the end-to-end processing of live planning applications and service requests using the full suite of ODP products (PlanX, BOPS and Digital Planning Register).

This is an exciting opportunity for councils to get hands-on experience with these products and trial the future of digital planning applications.

 **What does the pilot involve?** 

The pilot will involve:

- LPAs making a PlanX submission service available on their websites for a set period (e.g. 3 or 6 months, or until a set number of applications have been received)
- Processing the PlanX applications in BOPS (including validation, assessment, consultation, and issuing a decision)
- Signposting to the Digital Planning Register for the relevant applications
- Collecting metrics data (pre- and post-launch), providing feedback, and supporting user research for the product teams

These products work separately (but in parallel) to existing software, eliminating the need for dual processing.

This round of pilots are likely to focus on lawful development certificates, householder planning permission, and householder pre-application services.

 **Who can take part?** 

These pilots are open to all LPAs across Open Digital Planning. LPAs taking part in the pilot should already have some data on the Planning Data Platform, or be in the process of doing so.

 **Want to find out more?** 

Come along to our drop-ins on **12th February at 3pm** and **26th February at 3.30pm** for a run through of the pilot and a Q&A - to get an invite: drop a comment, hit the  below or speak to [@Ben Duckworth_MHCLG](#). If you are unable to make either of these sessions, let us know.

We have collated [information on this EOI](#) and [some initial Q&As in a google doc](#) - feel free to ask any Qs in this thread  or come along to our Q&A sessions above!

 **Interested and want to take part?** 

You can express an interest in taking part in this pilot by:

- Responding to this post
- Getting in touch with either [@Ben Duckworth_MHCLG](#), [@Matt Brooks](#) or myself!

We would welcome interest from councils as soon as possible, or preferably by **3rd March** 

Overview of our AI 101 session

What we covered...

- Why we need to get ready for AI
- Understanding AI
- How can AI be useful
- Risks and headaches
- Getting ready to use AI

Classification: Controlled

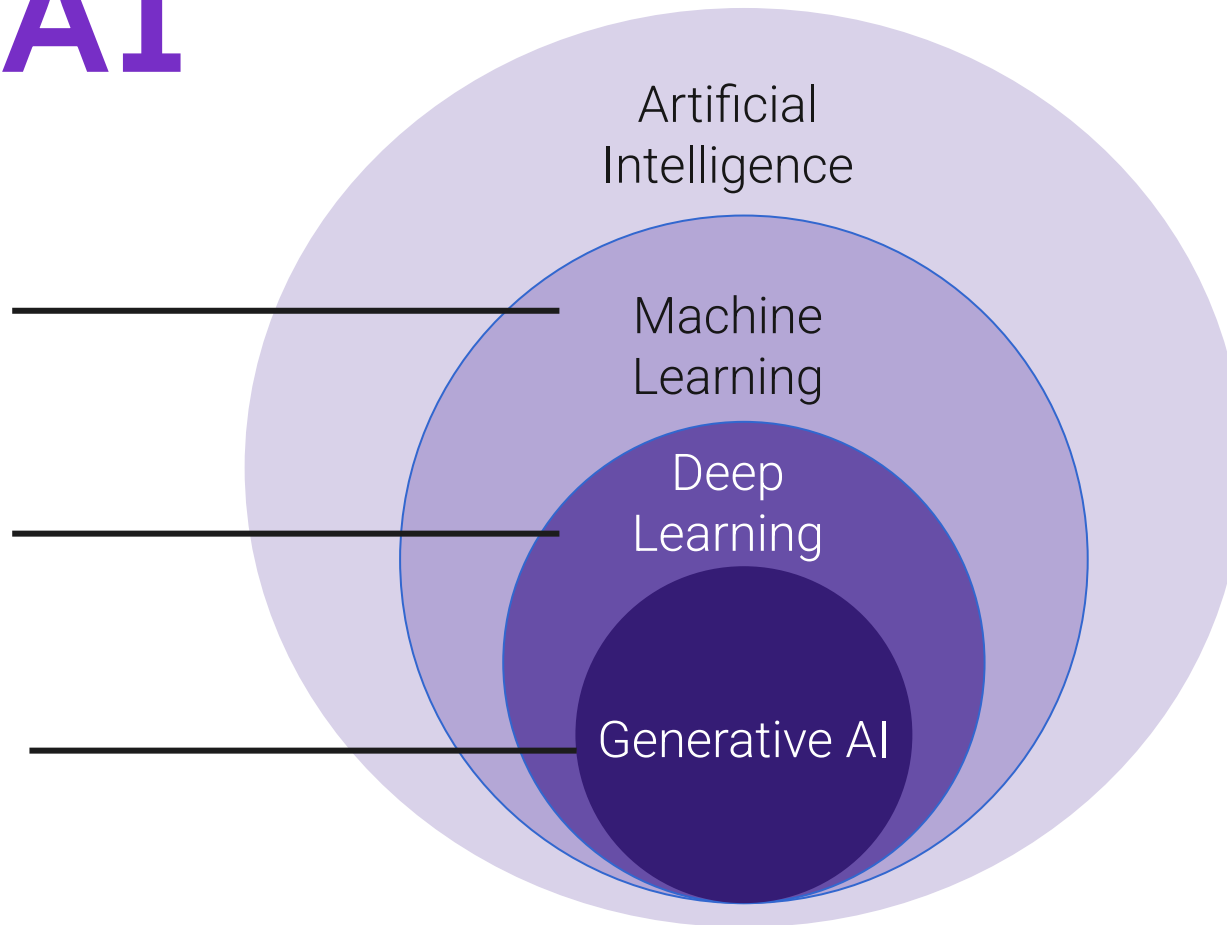


Types of AI

Machines can find rules
(automatically) from data

Uses multiple layers of
processing to implement a
learning process

Machines can create new
content based on prompts



Case study: Answering local questions

- Created a chatbot that can pull information out of a Local Plan
- The chatbot answered questions correctly in 3 out of 4 queries for some questions



[Blog](#)

MHCLG Digital

Organisations: [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government](#)

Exploring the use of artificial intelligence to streamline the planning process

[Digital Planning](#), 1 August 2024 - [Digital Planning](#), [Innovation](#)



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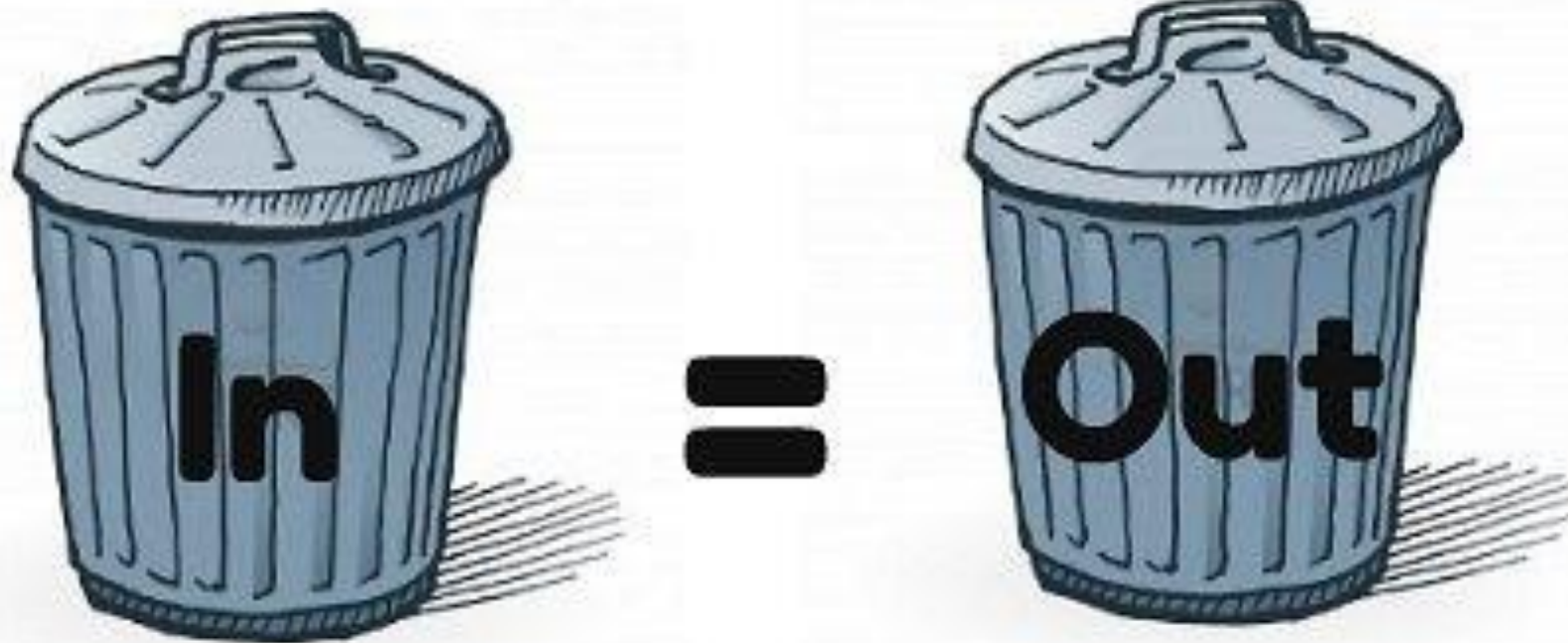
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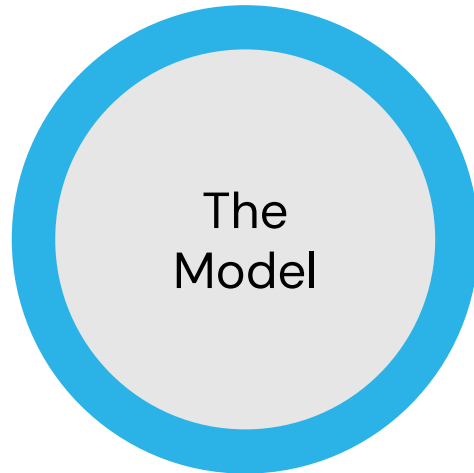
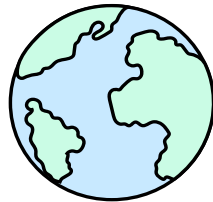


Output depends on the data



Consumer versus enterprise

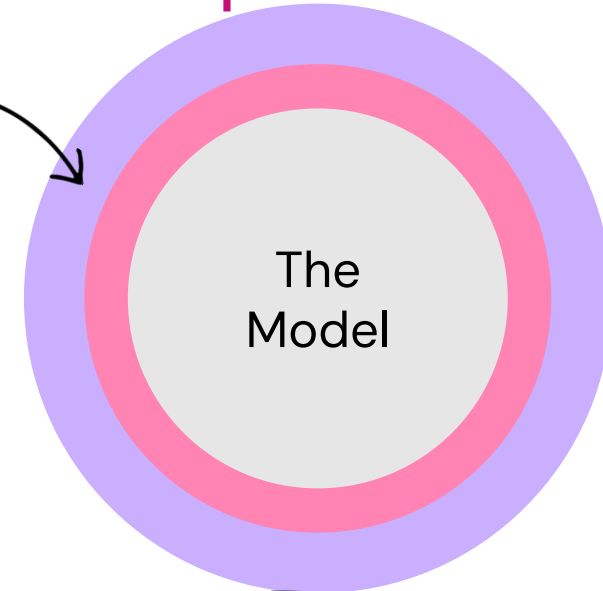
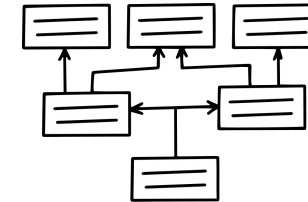
Consumer Product



Accessing World Knowledge

Enterprise Product

Additional Protection
and Safety Features



Accessing Organisational Knowledge

Everything is available on Notion 📹

- Recording, Deck and Case Study links are available on Notion under 'access digital training'
- [PropTech link](#)
- [ODP Link](#)

Thank you!