



The National Archives

Summary of meeting

Records review panel

26 November 2007

Update on Dissolved Companies Files (BT31)

The Client Manager for Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR) informed the Panel that Companies House did not intend to copy the fiche prior to its transfer to The National Archives. The Panel agreed that the copying of the fiche should be done in a single process and agreed to put forward a business case for the cost of the scanning.

Ordnance Survey Rights of Way Archive

The Client Manager for Ordnance Survey (OS) introduced this item, saying that it was a comprehensive archive, with legal rights of way shown only on these definitive maps. This situation should have changed under 1949 legislation but Local Authorities were far from up-to-date with this. For 50 years it had been understood that records concerning rights of way would be deposited with Local Authorities but they had not. The Client Manager for OS suggested taking the archive up to 2007. There was real historical value in this archive as it included footpaths that were no longer there and administration from bodies that were no longer in existence, whilst if footpaths were not registered they could cease to exist as public rights of way.

The London Boroughs and City Authorities were not entirely part of the system as they were meant to send in all relevant information to OS but were not always doing so. OS were also receiving information from other sources so it had become a comprehensive collection. As it included all the update information which had not yet gone onto maps, it was the only known complete record. After transfer to The National Archives, OS would call the records back if a question concerning mapping arose, but not if it was a question surrounding the completeness of the records. The Panel approved the transfer of the archive to The National Archives.

Date of next meeting

A provisional date of 10 December 2007, 10:30, was made for the next meeting.