

<b>LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN</b>	<b>WARDS:</b> All
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b> Digital Planning Update	
<b>REPORT OF:</b> Director of Economy, Regeneration and Investment	
<b>FOR SUBMISSION TO:</b> Planning Committee	<b>DATE:</b> 22 July 2025
<p><b>SUMMARY OF REPORT</b></p> <p>The report provides an update on Camden’s Digital Planning work, with a focus on how emerging technologies and automation will shape the future of planning.</p> <p>Planning is undergoing a national digital transformation. The Government has made it clear that modern, data-driven, and AI-enabled planning services are central to delivering more homes, faster. Camden is well-placed to lead that shift, building on our strong track record of innovation and our commitment to open data, transparency and better outcomes for residents.</p> <p>With the emergence of new tools like the Extract AI model, recently announced by the Prime Minister, there is increasing national attention on automation, data quality and integration between systems. Camden is already working closely with the MHCLG Planning Data team to ensure our data is connected, structured and future-ready.</p> <p>Camden is a core member of the <b>Open Digital Planning (ODP)</b> community, working with over 100 councils, software developers and central government to co-create digital planning tools based on open standards. We are helping shape and pilot cutting-edge services such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PlanX</b> – a user-facing tool to guide residents through the planning process.</li> <li>• <b>Digital Site Notice (DSN)</b> and <b>Digital Planning Register (DPR)</b> – smarter ways to share planning data with the public.</li> </ul> <p><b>Back-Office Planning System (BOPS)</b> – modern tools for officers that are designed to automate, not just digitise.</p> <p>Established in 2023, Camden’s Digital Planning team is driving this work in collaboration with internal colleagues and national partners. With external funding secured to April 2026, our ambition is to embed these capabilities as a permanent part of a modernised Planning Service.</p> <p>This work supports a more intelligent, efficient and responsive planning system. One that is ready to evolve with future technologies and puts Camden at the</p>	

leading edge of planning reform.

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No documents that require listing were used in the preparation of this report.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Planning Committee is asked to note the report.

Signed:



Director of Economy, Regeneration and Investment

Date: 11 July 2025

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the Digital Planning programme. Appendix 1 provides information on recent and upcoming work.

**2. Finance Comments of the Executive Director Corporate Services**

- 2.1 The long-term funding of the work is not within the scope of this report. The update has no financial implications.

**3. Legal Comments of the Borough Solicitor**

- 3.1 There are no legal comments or issues arising from this update.

**4. Environmental Implications**

- 4.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this update.

**5. Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Digital Planning Update Presentation

**REPORT ENDS**