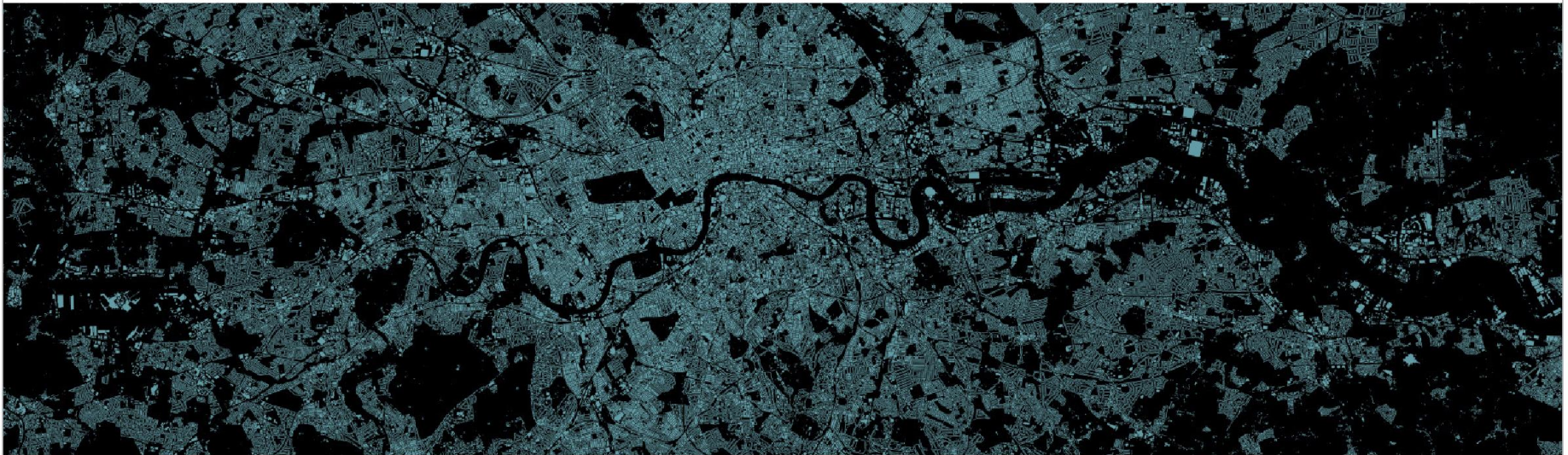


Historical Data – An overview



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Ordnance Survey - A Brief History

- Formed in 1791
- Produced paper maps of England, Scotland and Wales for 190 years
- All of the historical maps are held in The National Archives or at the Deposit Libraries
- In 1970's began digitising the large scale data.
- Activity completed in 1995.
- Within a few years we also had a digital contour dataset
- In 1999 we signed an agreement to become The National Archives first Electronic Place of Deposit.
- This covered Landline and Landform Profile for the entire country

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In the following 15 years we have continued to produce more electronic datasets

- OS MasterMap Topo, Address, ITN, Sites and Water
- Address Point
- AddressBase
- Vector Map Local
- Vector Map District
- Terrain 5
- Terrain 50

Historic Data – Current situation

Recognise that there is value in this data. We are taking active steps to preserve it

Ordnance Survey is a commercial organisation. Nearly everything is driven by money!

Currently we are uncertain as to what the best way to exploit this is.

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