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**MAGIC**

**Multi-Agency Geographic Information for the Countryside**

**INFORMATION NOTE**

**MAGIC Data Criteria**

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## **Purpose of document**

This document presents the criteria to be considered when deciding whether a dataset should be added to the MAGIC interactive map. Publication of data within MAGIC will only be with the permission of the data provider and with the agreement of the MAGIC Steering Group.

### **1. Relevance**

The dataset must meet the broad aims of MAGIC.

- Environmental datasets for rural policy making & management

or

- Coastal & Marine Datasets for Marine & Contingency Planning & Response

### **2. Legality**

The inclusion of the dataset must not breach any copyright agreements.

### **3. Audience**

The dataset must be of interest to one or more of the partner organisations.

### **4. Commercial Interest**

The inclusion of the dataset must not be solely for commercial benefit.

### **5. Integrity**

The dataset must be provided by an authoritative source.

### **6. Maintainable**

- It must be possible to update the dataset to reflect changes
- The dataset provider must commit to preparing and updating the dataset & metadata as necessary.

## **7. File Size**

The majority of datasets used on MAGIC are less than 30mb. Where a dataset is either very large, or contains large complex polygons, it may be necessary to either:

- Impose a maximum scale threshold
- Split the file down into 100km tiles
- Generalise the dataset

On some occasions further testing may be required to ensure the dataset will load into and work within MAGIC before we can agree to include it on the website.

## **8. Sensitivity**

The information stored within the dataset must not:

- Contain information of a sensitive or confidential nature
- Contravene the Data Protection Act 1998, Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

## **9. Factual**

- The dataset must be based on fact and not be one organisation/individual's opinion, as this may be biased.
- Modelled dataset will be considered, providing they are based on a published / widely accepted methodology.

## **10. SPIRE**

The dataset must be to SPIRE data standards and the provider must be signed up to a data sharing protocol with SPIRE.

## **11. Coverage**

The dataset must have national coverage (where national means coverage of either England, Scotland or Wales or a combination of nations) to be included on MAGIC.

## **12. Completeness**

Datasets which are only partially completed will be considered, but an indication of the level of completeness must be stated in the layer name and metadata.

## **13. Requirement Time**

Only datasets that are considered a permanent addition to MAGIC will be included. Datasets that are only required for a short period of time will not be considered.

## **14. Static Maps only**

Consideration will be given to making available, as static maps, national datasets which do not meet the MAGIC data criteria, but are of potential interest to the MAGIC community

## **Dataset Assessment Form**

If a datasets meets the criteria a [Dataset Assessment Form](#) will need to be completed for each dataset and sent to the [MAGIC Service Manager](#) to consider, along with any particular requirements.