

3D Laser Mapping Launches Campaign to Release Open Source LiDAR Data



3D Laser Mapping, leading geospatial technology specialist, is launching a campaign to give free access to LiDAR data in order to showcase the capabilities of mobile mapping systems. They will be offering open access to point cloud data which can be viewed and manipulated using GIS software. This information can be extracted for use by businesses, academic research and for in-house training opportunities.

The company will be releasing data collected using its flexible ROBIN mobile mapping system, which can be used on foot, in a vehicle and mounted to aircraft and UAVs.

The move comes as UK Chancellor Philip Hammond outlined plans in his budget to establish a new Geospatial Commission to look at ways to expand its open-data policy

and make location-based data more freely accessible to enable economic growth.

3D Laser Mapping Sales and marketing director David Primhak said “By launching this campaign, we’re already doing what this new Commission has been set up to achieve. The Chancellor spoke of using the Commission to turn valuable data into tangible benefits, including job creation and cost savings. This also presents an opportunity to showcase this valuable data to a wider audience, allowing businesses to build a case to use LiDAR mapping for future operations. LiDAR data is often highly protected or restricted, with the Environment Agency one of the only other organisations in the UK offering open-source access under the Government’s ‘open data’ policy.”

To access the data please visit www.3dlasermapping.com/LiDAR-data-download