1. INTRODUCTION

The Postcode Location points represent the centre of each of the Postcode Sectors, Districts and Areas in the UK. The data is sourced from Geoplan's SuperPro Sector, District and Area boundaries.

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2. IMAGES
<Image of data in use within SKiN>
<Image of tabular view of data>

3. DATA

Layer Name	Total Records*
Postcode Areas	124
Postcode Districts	2,836
Postcode Sectors	9,548
Non-Geographic Postcode Districts	145
Non-Geographic Postcode Sectors	1,673

*Figures correct as of R71 (October 2020)

Source – Geoplan
Recency – Updated each quarter
Geographical Coverage and Accuracy – Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man and Channel Islands
Projection – British National Grid
Available Formats – CSV, SHP, TAB and MIDMIF
Layer Type - Point

4. DATA HEALTH

Data Health	Green

- Built from the most precise postcode geography on the market
- Updated quarterly

5. LICENSE INFORMATION
License type- Annual
Update cycle – updated each quarter

6. FURTHER INFORMATION
Data Specification

Header Record	Description	Example	Data Type	Maximum Field Size
GEO_SECT*	Geoplan Sector	HG 27	String	5
COM_SECT*	Commercial Sector	HG2 7	String	6
GEO_DIST*	Geoplan District	HG 2	String	4
COM_DIST*	Commercial District	HG2	String	4
POSTAREA*	Postcode Area	HG	String	2
AREA_KM	Sector Area (Square Kilometres)	2.96798	Decimal	20

AREA_MI	Sector Area (Square Miles)	1.14594	Decimal	20
X_COORD	Population Aged 0 to 15 years	432070	Integer	No Max
Y_COORD	Population Aged 16 to 24 years	457098	Integer	No Max
AGE0_15	Population Aged 25 to 44 years	2097	Integer	No Max
AGE16_24	Population Aged 45 to 64 years	1088	Integer	No Max
AGE25_44	Population Aged 65 and above	2819	Integer	No Max
AGE45_64	Population: Total	2797	Integer	No Max
AGE65_PL	Population: Male	2081	Integer	No Max
POP_TOT	Population: Female	10882	Integer	No Max
POP_M	Households: Total	5102	Integer	No Max
POP_F	Accommodation: Detached	5780	Integer	No Max
H_HOLDS	Accommodation: Semi Detached	4677	Integer	No Max
D_DET	Accommodation: Terraced	535	Integer	No Max
D_SEMI	Accommodation: Flat, maisonette or apartment	2135	Integer	No Max
D_TERR	Approximated social grade: A or B. *Higher and intermediate managerial / administrative / professional occupations)*	1305	Integer	No Max
D_FLAT	Approximated social grade: C1. *Supervisory, clerical and junior managerial / administrative / professional occupations.*	566	Integer	No Max
SG_AB	Approximated social grade: C2. *Skilled manual occupations.*	647	Integer	No Max
SG_C1	Approximated social grade: D or E. *Semi-skilled and unskilled manual occupations, Unemployed and lowest grade occupations.*	1008	Integer	No Max

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SG_ABC1	Population Density (per km)	1655	Decimal	20
SG_C2	Household Density (per km)	1655	Decimal	20
SG_DE	Geoplan Sector	732	String	5
POP_DENS	Commercial Sector	3666.47	String	6
HHD_DENS	Geoplan District	1575.82	String	4

*Only available for the correct file e.g. Postcode Sector contains Sector, District and Area attributes, Postcode District contains District and Area etc.

Content Information

Non-Geographic Postcodes:
The Non-Geographic Postcode look-up files (Sector and District level) provided as part of this product contain information about additional Sectors and Districts which do not have a geographical boundary associated with them. The Non-Geographic Postcode files also contains Transitional Sectors. These exist due to the fact that there are a number of Sectors that may exist which are not contained within the Geoplan Postcode boundary product. The reason for this is that in some cases, there is not enough evidence or information to create boundaries at present. Boundaries will be digitised for these transitional sectors as and when enough information becomes available (i.e. when we have appropriate data sources which can be used to ascertain the position of a boundary.

Isle of Man:
The Geoplan product also contains the Isle of Man Sectors IM1 0, IM2 0, IM3 0 and IM8 0, but do not actually exist as real codes. This is because, although the extents of the Districts IM1, IM2, IM3 and IM8 are known, the boundaries of the Sectors within them cannot be determined. No maps have been made which show these Sectors, so the non-existent Sectors listed above were created by Geoplan to take their place.

Coverage:
Geoplan is one of the few data suppliers to provide a full UK coverage with the addition of Isle of Man and the Channel Islands for its Postcode geography. Across the UK the level of information available for local coverage's may vary which may result in differences in accuracy or reliance on the historical nature of the data source. For example Isle of Man and the Channel Islands have not been matched to the full Postcode but matched to the Royal Mail source maps to keep the cost of the product appropriate for our end users.

Social Grade Data:
** Social grade is a socio-economic classification used by market research industries to analyse spending habits and consumer attitudes. The classification is approximated from information collected in the 2011 Census using a method defined by the Market Research Society. A person's approximated social grade is based primarily on their occupation but also includes information about their employment status, qualifications gained, tenure and whether they work full-time, part-time or are not working. Using this information a person living in a household is classified in one of the following categories of social grade. The Social Grade counts provided represent the Social Grade of the "Household Reference Person" (HRP), and is only provided when the HRP is between 16 and 74.

Updates
Geoplan will carry out 3 monthly (quarterly) updates to the product to make sure all the Postcode Sectors are represented in line with the Postal Address File. Improvements to existing Postcode Boundaries will be targeted and addressed as part of this update process.

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