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DATA ACCESS REQUEST – HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS

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FOR DECISION 	PAB Members are invited to take the following actions: • **AGREE** the proposed alterations to the Gas Data Access Matrix; • **AGREE** the implementation date of **19 July 2024**.	
APPENDICES 	**RECPAB_24_0625_11A Gas Data Access Matrix v3.X – Housing Associations_DRAFT**	

1 BACKGROUND

Prior to R0118 - Review of Schedule 12 and processes to manage access to data being approved, the Code Manager accepted Change Proposal R0056 - EES/GES Additional Service Request for Housing Associations to be added to the Data Access Matrix from Corella. Corella's intention was to create an API specifically to provide a range of Data Items to Housing Associations, having worked closely with a Housing Association to create a prototype API which provided benefits to them.

The Code Manager has considered the broad list of Gas Data Items originally requested and is proposing to provide access to only a subset of these, to enable the Housing Association to identify where a live gas supply exists at the property to comply with the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations.

Once the API is delivered, the Code Manager expects other Housing Associations to make use of it, as an alternative option to the standard Housing Association Report that exists today however has more limited data.

2 THE ROLE OF THE PAB

PAB is responsible for specifying REC Party, Non-Party REC Service User and REC Service Provider security and data protection requirements under the REC.

One area for consideration is whether the appropriate process has been followed, for example some changes require additional information security analysis, whereas others might require consultation with industry participants.

3 JUSTIFICATION FOR USE CASE

The Housing Association intends to use the API to retrieve details for its entire housing stock as properties may be subject to changes by tenants of which the Housing Association may not be made aware, must carry out annual safety checks or understand where a new gas supply has been installed.

If any of the Data Items retrieved are found to be misaligned with the data that it holds in its own systems, it intends to carry out an investigation (which may include a site visit) and, where necessary, will work with the Supplier to correct any inconsistencies in the data.

4 DELIVERY OF THE REQUEST

- Via a new API

5 DATA ITEMS REQUESTED

Gas

Data Type	Data Item	Purpose	Classification (Future, subject to change based on

			implementation of R0148)
Meter Asset Data	Asset Effective Date (where Asset Removed, Asset Removal Date)	To verify whether or not there is a gas meter on the site.	Always Open
Meter Asset Data	Device Status	To verify the asset data is correct.	Always Open
Meter Asset Data	Location	To verify the asset location is correct.	Always Open
Supply Meter Point Information	Meter Point Reference Number	To confirm the unique gas supply reference number for the site	Personal
Supply Meter Point Information	Address	To confirm the correct site is being validated	Personal
Supply Meter Point Information	Postcode	To confirm the correct site is being validated	Personal
Supply Meter Point Information	Last Inspection Date	To determine how long it has been since the Supplier inspected the gas meter	Always Open
Supply Meter Point Information	SMP Status	To verify the asset data is correct	Always Open

6 SERVICE PROVIDER COMMENTS

The Service Provider has been working with the Code Manager to review the requested list of Data Items and the purpose of each of these and has completed an Impact Assessment.

7 DATA PROTECTION, INFORMATION SECURITY AND ANY SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

We have set out an assessment of the risks and the appropriate controls / assurance below:

	Data Protection	Information Security	Specific considerations in relation to GES
Specific risks	N/A	N/A	N/A
Specific controls required	N/A	N/A	N/A
Specific additional access agreement clauses required	N/A	N/A	N/A

		Description	Current	Proposed
ISDP Level	Low	Basic information only		
	Medium	Assessment relevant security accreditation (cyber essentials +)		
	High	Assessment if information security risk management in REC relevant areas		✓

The REC Service User Categorisation will be updated at implementation to state that API Access for Housing Associations will require a standard External Assessment at least once every three years.

8 NEXT STEPS

The Code Manager will trigger a 10-working day consultation on 28 June 2024 which will close 12 July 2024. If the Consultation responses return no concerns that would require the Code Manager to revisit the request, the Code Manager will implement changes to the DAM on 19 July 2024.

Once the impact assessment response has been received from the Service Provider, the Code Manager will get the relevant and appropriate approval to proceed.

9 PAB ACTIONS

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