

# GeoPlace Announces New Managing Director



GeoPlace has announced the appointment of Nick Chapallaz as its new Managing Director. Nick is a widely published and highly respected location-based systems and services expert with experience as an advisor to local authorities, central government agencies and private sector businesses.

He has a strong track record in the use of information and communication technologies to improve the activities of both public and private sector organisations. As a member of the original committee for the creation of the BS 7666 Standard for Addressing and a Research Fellow for the National Land Information Service (NLIS), Nick has a deep understanding of the development and adoption of location standards and processes.

During the e-Government era he was a lead advisor on high-profile programmes including

the e-Government Interoperability Framework (e-GIF), Planning Portal and Transport Direct.

Previously, Nick was Director of Business Strategy & Marketing for Esri UK and prior to that a Senior Consultant at Ordnance Survey, helping to revolutionise their business model as well as delivering advisory services for the UK government and the EU.

Immediately before he started at GeoPlace, Nick provided strategic consulting services to public and private sector organisations with a focus on business process improvement, spatial economic analysis and proposition development.

Nick said "I am really excited to be taking on this role at a time with significant market developments including the Geospatial Commission. GeoPlace has a fundamental role to play in releasing the value of our national data assets. My vision is that definitive street and address data should link every public or commercial system and service. The UPRN and USRN automate data sharing - delivering better services and outcomes for businesses and citizens. I very much look forward to working with the team and our partners to continue to build quality and realise this vision."

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