The UK Geothermal Platform

British Geological Survey

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Policy, targets	**Accelerating Geothermal**	Incentives, risk insurance, grants Finance models
Technical de-risking and cost reduction	Streamlined licensing, regulation	**Data availability + accessibility**
Demonstrators, innovation, research	Long term energy supply contracts	Social engagement
Exploration programme	Skilled workforce	Standards for scalability

Countries with greater deployment of geothermal energy have open data platforms

(e.g. Germany, France, Netherlands, Hungary)

GeotIS

ThermoGIS v2.5

OGRe – Geothermal Information Platform

The UK Geothermal Platform launched in August 2025

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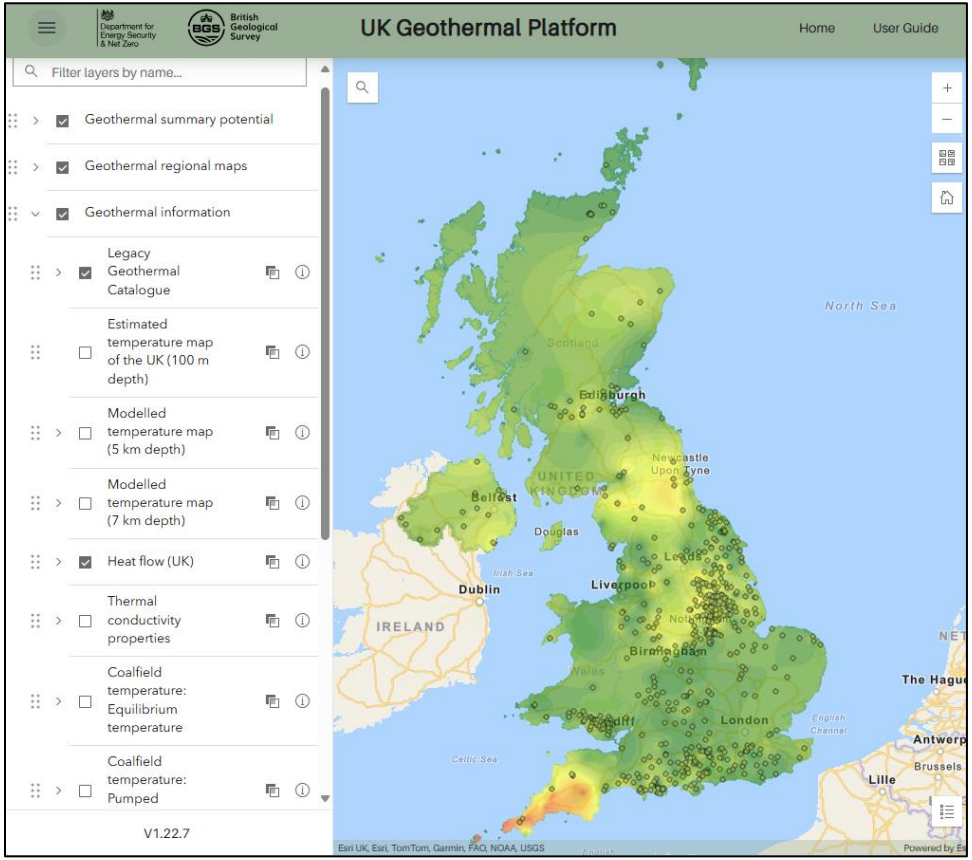
UK Geothermal Platform

- A geothermal energy information hub. Freely available
- **Website, data access** page, **user guide**
- 90 geoscientific datasets in a **map explorer**
- Includes data from environmental agencies, Mining Remediation Authority etc.
- Funded by UK Government Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. Delivered and maintained by the British Geological Survey
- Open Government Licence (OGL) in map explorer allows for commercial use



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Who is it for?

Geothermal potential, opportunity maps, **summary layers**

Policy Maker

Shaping Geothermal Policy

Local and Regional Government

Driving Geothermal Adoption

Regulator / Government Body

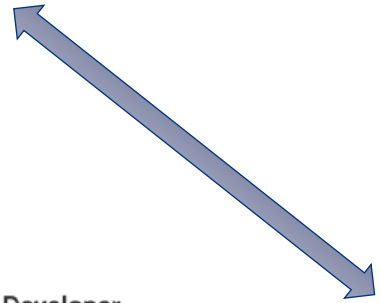
Overseeing Subsurface Heat

Geothermal Developer

Building Geothermal Solutions

Researcher

Advancing Geothermal Knowledge



Detailed data, information

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Summary layers

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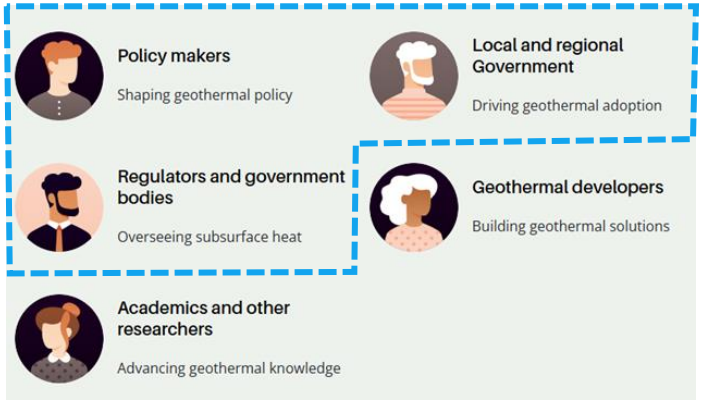
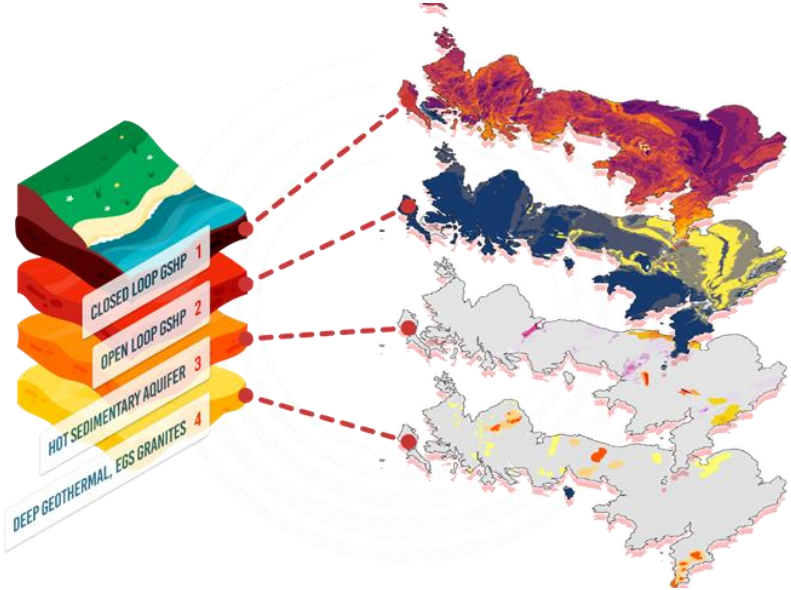
GB Summary layers



- Pre-feasibility, screening level information
- Information suitable for non-specialists – **makes geothermal energy visible**
- Delivered as 1km sided hex-cells
- Output fields specified to be useful for **heat policy, heat networks, national zoning model**



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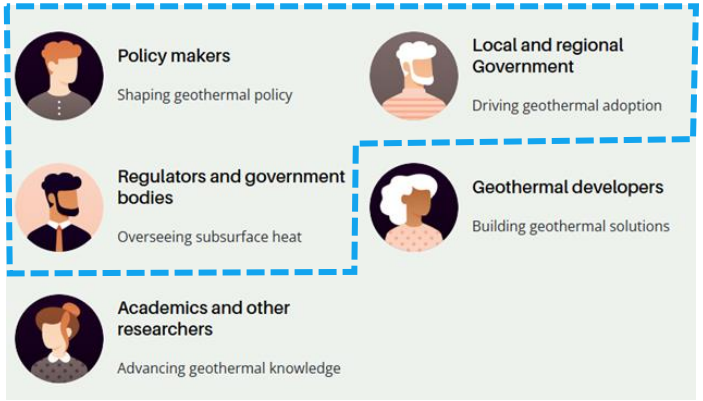
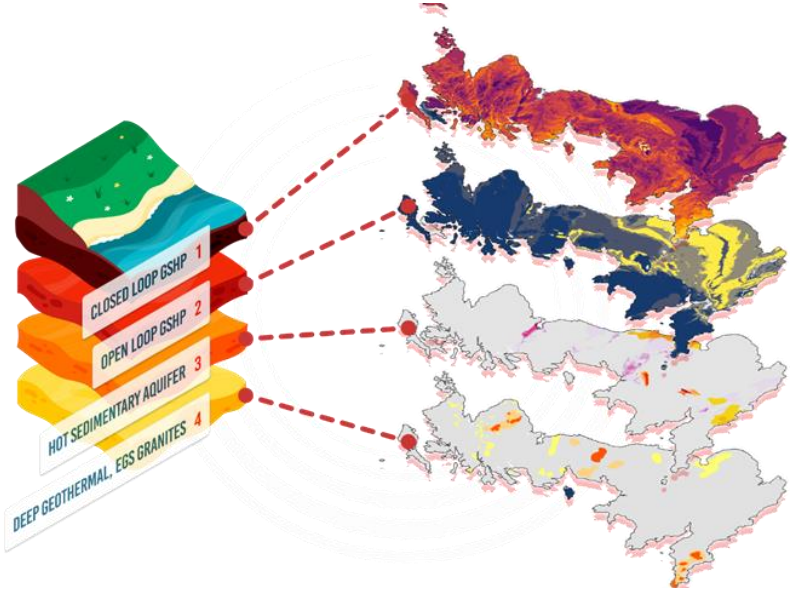
GB Summary layers

- Overview layer includes Arup/DESNZ (2025) cost data
- Closed loop GSHP array
- Open loop GSHP array
- Deep geothermal - hot sedimentary aquifer (hydrothermal) for direct use, multi-depth > 1.5 km
- Deep geothermal, petrothermal/engineered geothermal systems (EGS), granites (qualitative)





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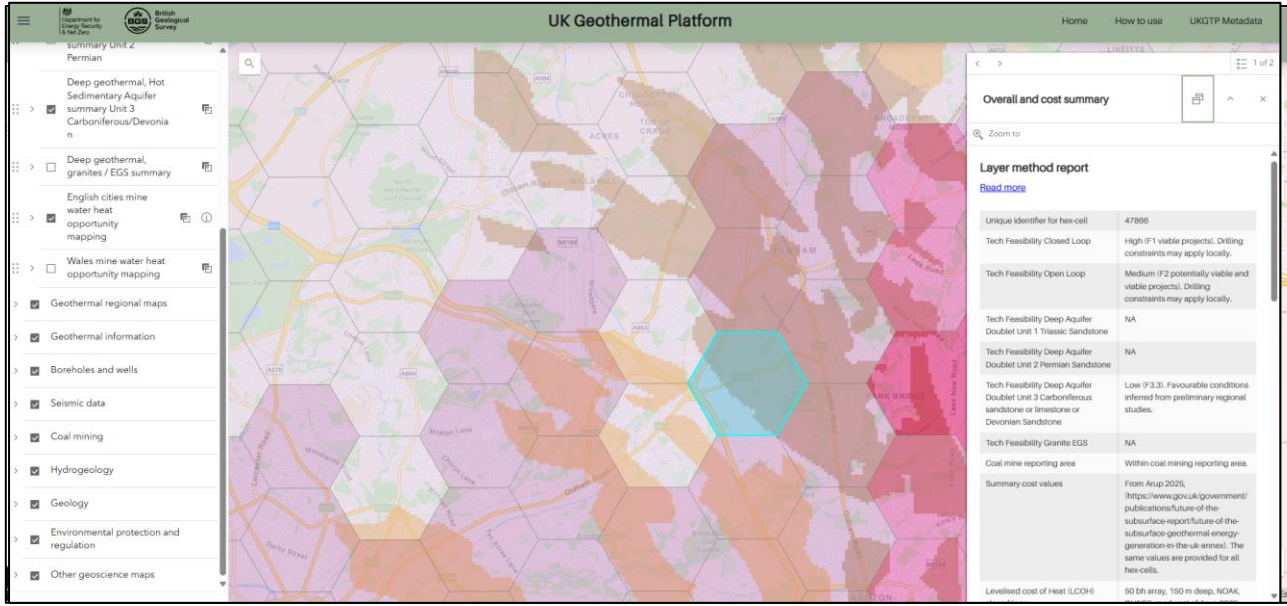
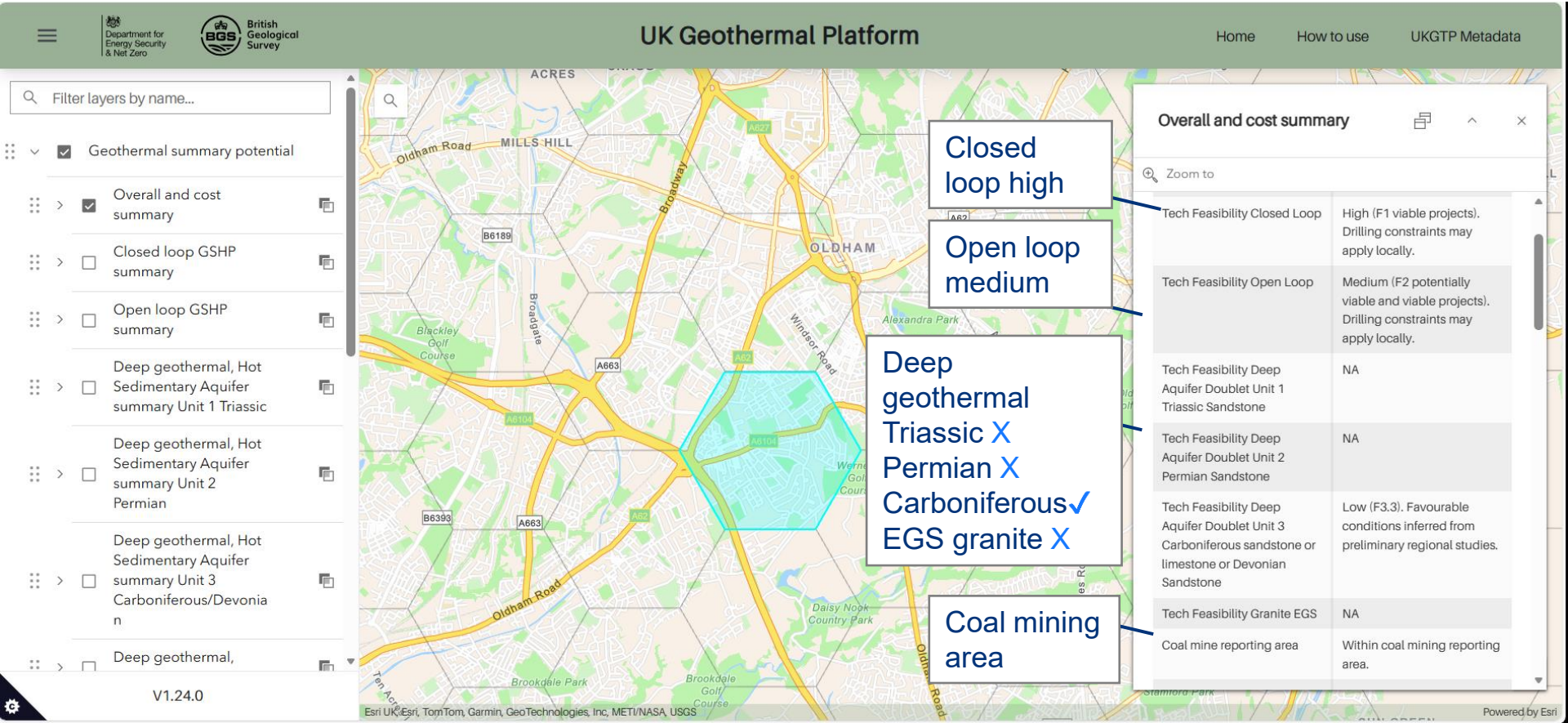
My school needs a heat decarbonisation plan – can I use geothermal energy here?

1. Go to the overview summary layer and get a feel for the options at your site
2. Investigate the different geothermal technology summary layers
3. Engage with a specialist to explore more detailed options



Overview summary layer



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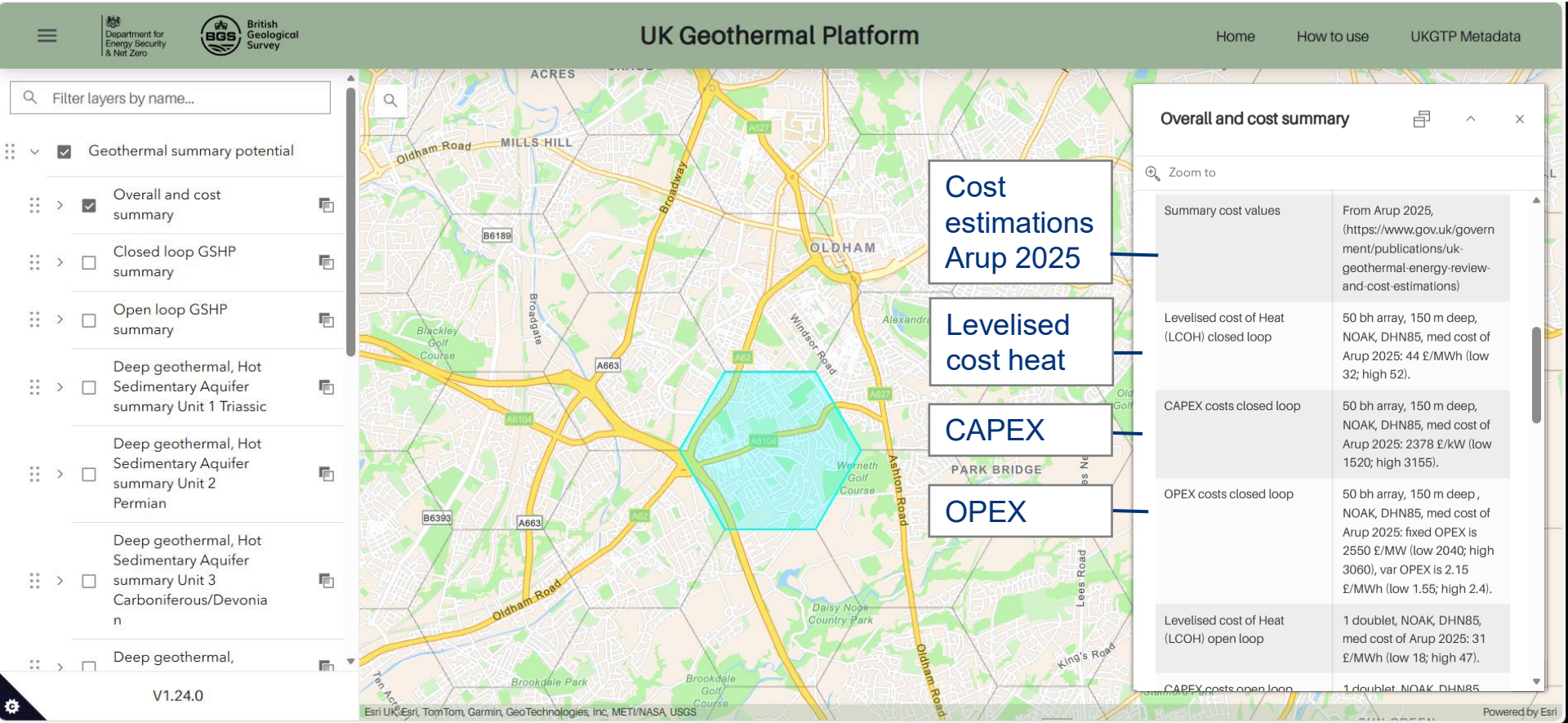
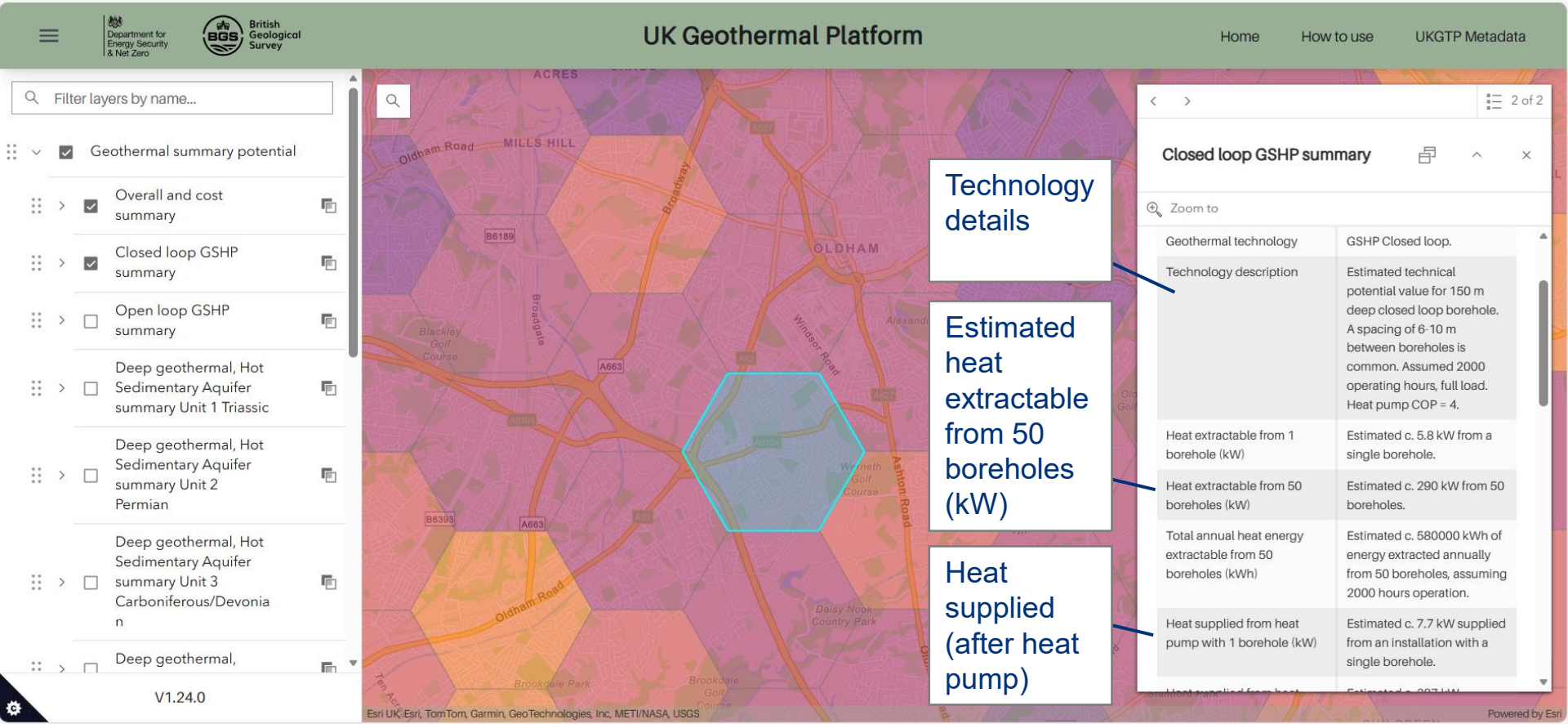


Closed loop GSHP summary layer



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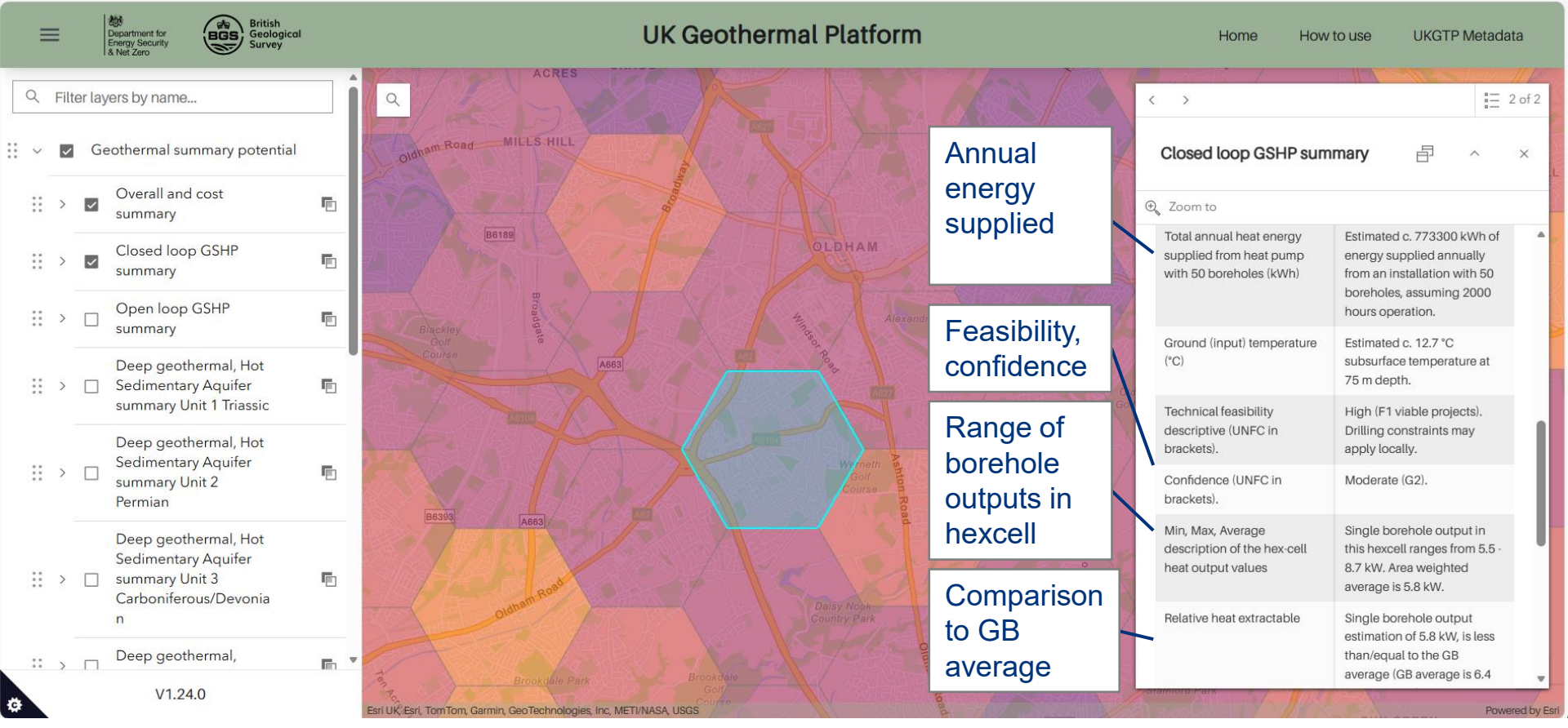
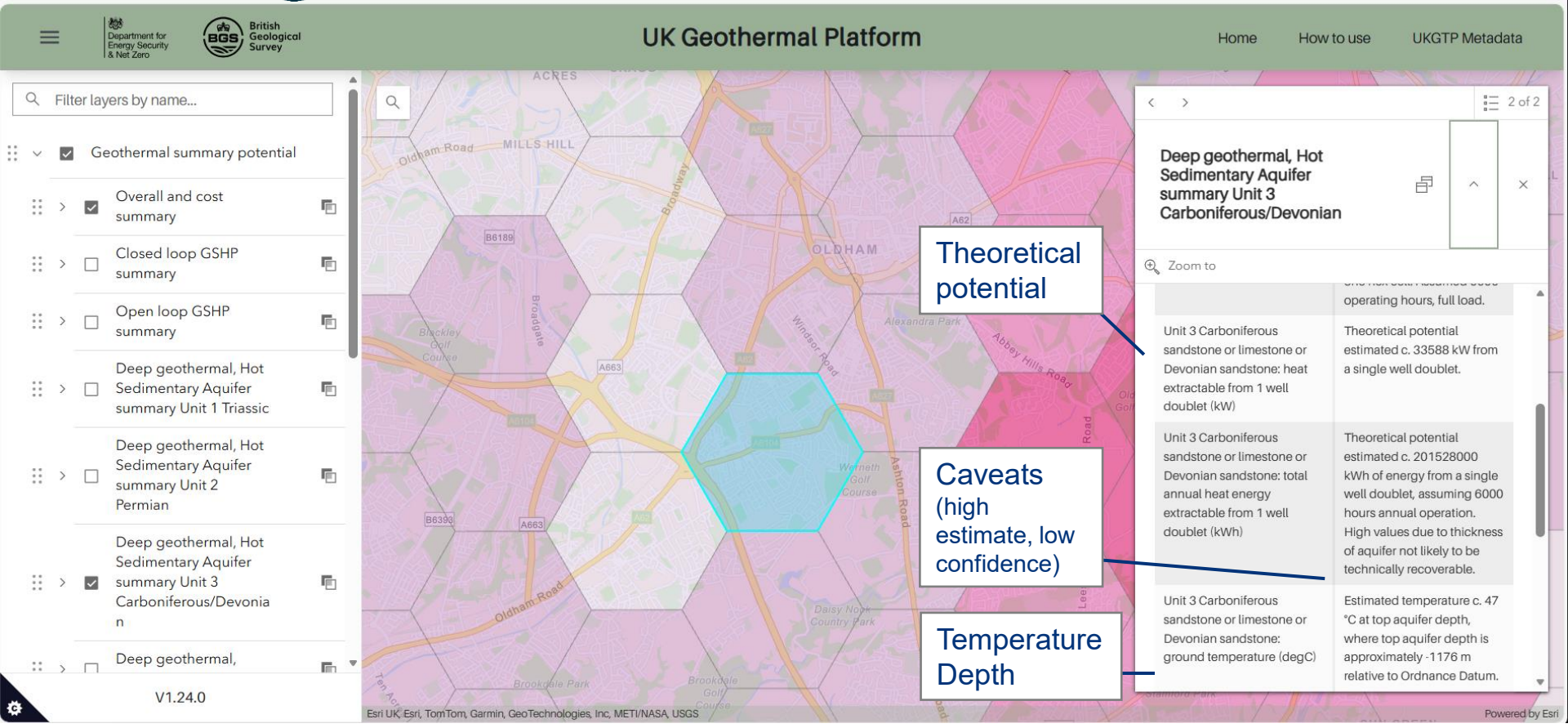


Deep geothermal Unit 3 Carboniferous Limestone



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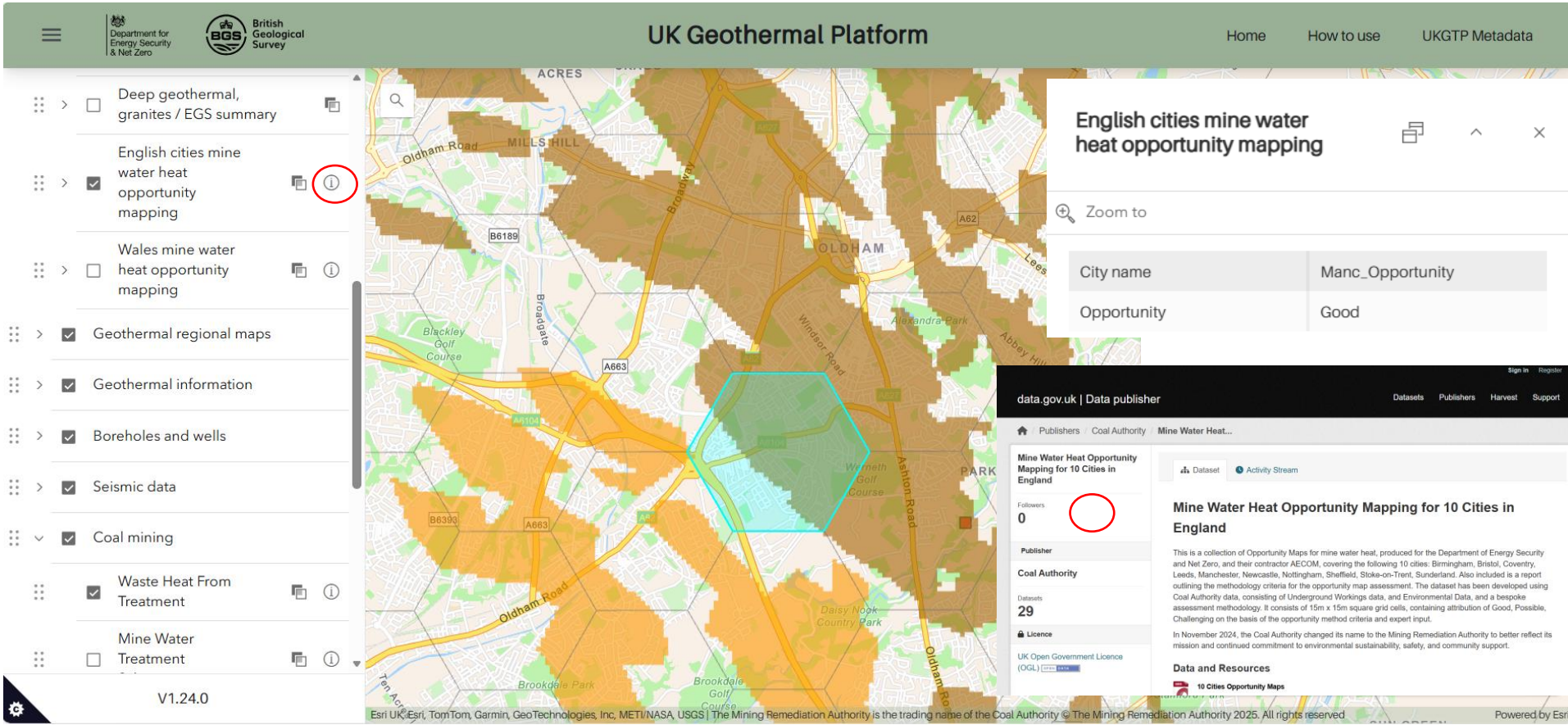
Mining Remediation Authority

Mine water heat



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Datasets, models, reports

Maps, models made accessible

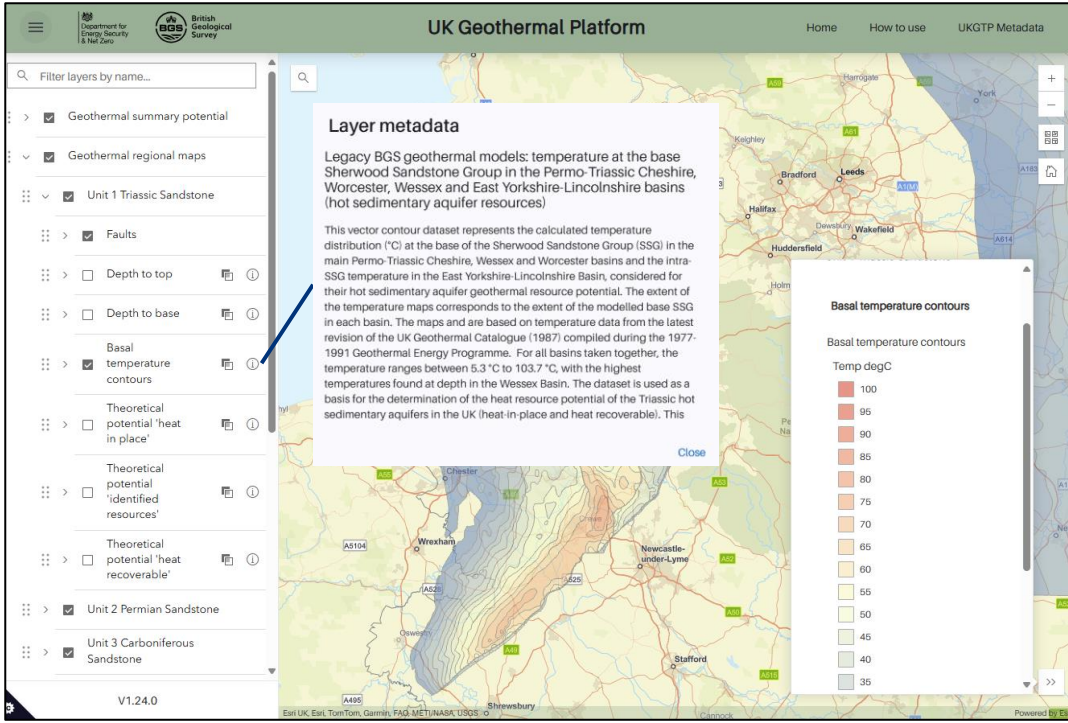
90 layers from a range of data sources

BGS geothermal maps, models digitally accessible e.g.

- Heat flow
- Thermal properties
- Geothermal catalogue
- Depth
- Temperature
- Theoretical potential

Plus environmental, groundwater, coal mine, borehole, seismic etc. data layers

Example of a legacy temperature map



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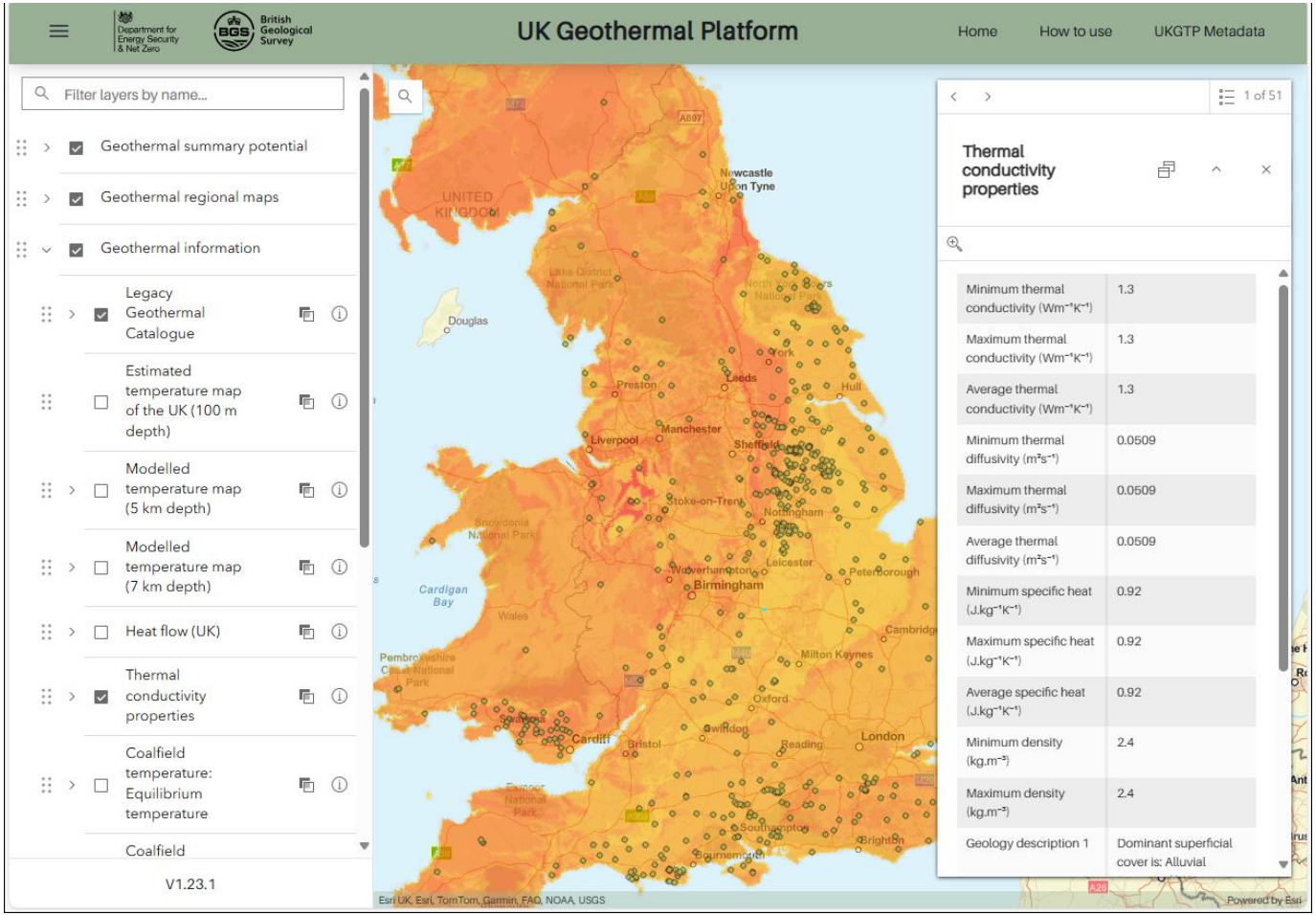
Map explorer



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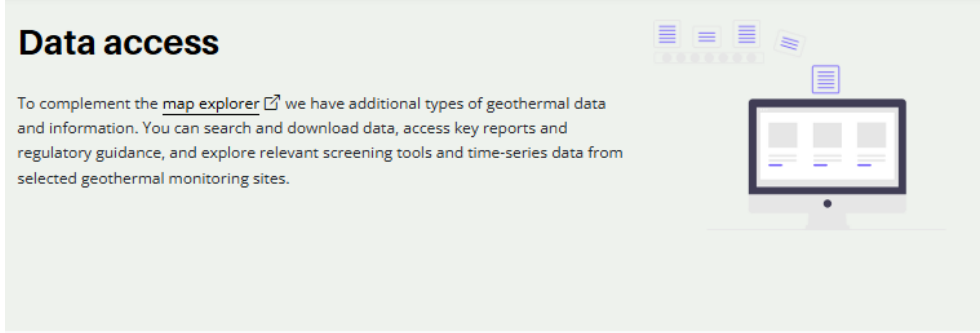
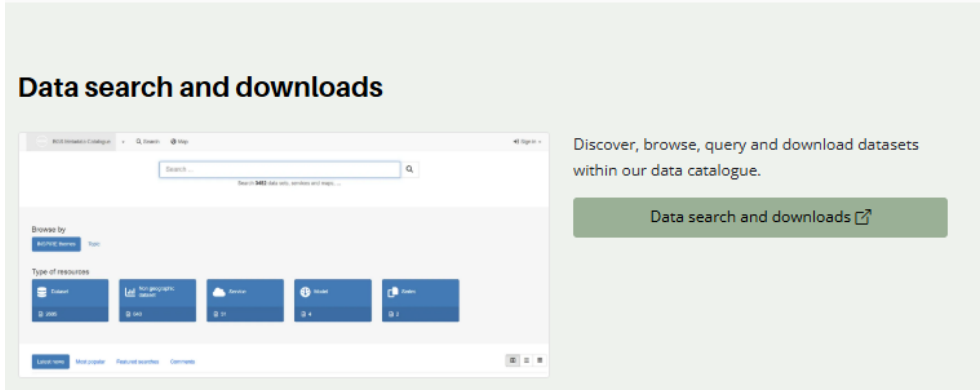
Data access web page

Over 60 legacy geothermal reports available online





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Summary

UK Geothermal Platform is a step forward in geothermal data availability and accessibility for UK

Data and information for specialists

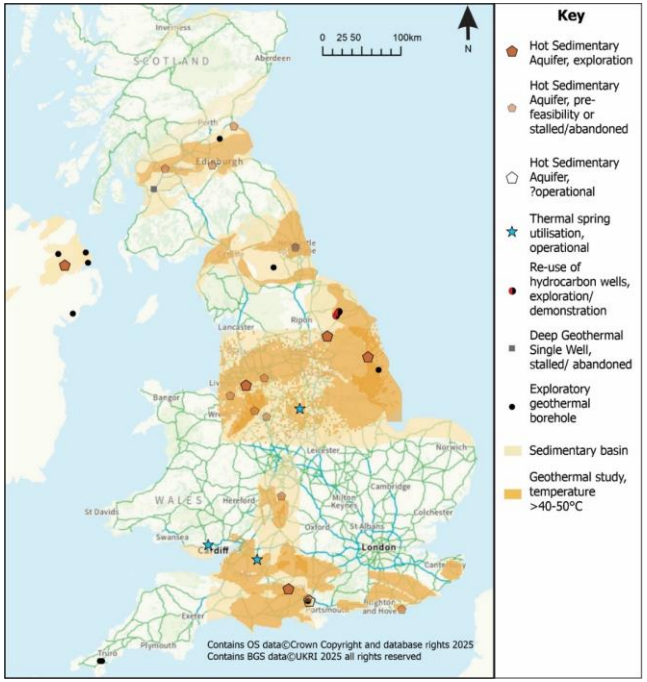
Summary layers allow:

- Non-specialists to consider geothermal
- Government policy makers have the numbers to include in national zoning model, regional-national planning

Aiming for version 2 (subject to funding)

- Incorporate user feedback
- Additional layers and technologies

- Data sharing, data deposits, improve information



BGS work in progress: projects in exploration, construction, operation, formerly operational. Deep geothermal:hydrothermal shown here.

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Summary layer method report