

Extract — Google DeepMind's Gemini Tool for Digitising the UK's Paper Planning Archives

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · United Kingdom

Quality score: 87/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

A Gemini-powered tool converts decades of paper planning records into structured digital data, saving councils an estimated 255 hours a year each; after piloting with 20+ local authorities it went live for every council in England in June 2026.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	3/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability beyond pilot	3/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-01

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