The last newsletter spurred our critical friends to get in touch and give us a thorough analysis of things that were to be grazed. Our front-page review of RDM was not what we expected it and it is probably worth trying to assign some points.

"In the MarketPlace: the right term to use?" It is easy to see why the term would require some choice for accuracy, but we can also see that RDM will include freely available data (in fact the vast majority) will be free of charge. Our use of the "word marketplace" absolutely includes allowing access to free data sources.

There is also no intent to start charging for data which was previously freely available from either OGP, RGO or Network Rail. Whilst we continue to refine the model, we model which will allow RDM to be cost neutral, as a final stakeholder, are committed to an "open by default" approach. Indeed, much has been made of this over the last month, see article below.

"Our critical friend had read and heard much about RDM and was concerned that RDM was a platform to "pursue" a centralised view of data and how it should be sourced. This is an impressive initiative, but we have heard too much of this in the past to make it happen. We are aware that our audience is an busy audience, it looks like we could be busy!

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