

PIONEER COMPUTER SNIPS RED TAPE FOR HOME BUYERS

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HARINGEY got one step nearer cutting through red tape for home buyers this week.

It installed the first computer in the country that will deal with searches — a service all house buyers must have before they can exchange contracts. So the computer is to be called Exchange.

All the information for a search — like possible developments

or road building in any street in the borough — will be on Exchange, allowing staff to get the information quickly and easily. In five to seven days, says Gurbux Singh, the chief executive of Haringey.

"The land charges office was notorious for the time it takes to get things done," he said. "And this created problems for both the users of the service and the people

administering it.

"Now there are two benefits. The home buyers no longer need to wait up to 16 weeks for searches. And staff will no longer suffer stress and pressure from irate callers."

Haringey also hopes to benefit ratepayers from selling the computer programme — jointly made with LOLA (London On

Line Authorities) and PRO IV Systems Ltd — to other local authorities.

And at the official ribbon cutting ceremony representatives from all over the country had been invited to learn more about the system. Now, for people buying property in the borough there will be less chance of being gazumped or having a mortgage fall through.

FREEING the computer and the borough from red tape: borough solicitor Julia Lomas and Gurbux Singh, Haringey's chief executive.



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