

# THE DOMESDAY PROJECT

## Collection of Local Data

Volunteer schools and other community groups will be asked to provide information for a block of the country 4Km wide by 3Km long. Ideally this block will be either the block containing the school or one very close by, about which the school will have some local knowledge. The exact block to be covered will be decided in discussion between the school and a Domesday co-ordinator to be nominated by each Local Education Authority.

In respect of each 4Km x 3Km block, schools will compile about 20 television 'pages' of written description, a 'page' consisting of 22 lines of 40 characters each. The choice of what to include in this description, within very broad guidelines, is very much what the school feels is important and relevant about their own area. This record of what people say about their own environments is an essential element of the Domesday idea.

In addition to the pages of text, schools will be asked to provide four slide photographs - again depicting what they feel essentially characterises their area - and carry out a simple count of features and amenities in each of the twelve kilometre-squares, according to a predefined list. Among these 'counts' will be the recording of the major category of land-use in each square.

All this data will be returned to the BBC in computer-readable form, using a simple and purpose-designed program supplied for the school's microcomputer as part of the comprehensive briefing package. The briefing will also include a wealth of material compiled by teachers and educational advisers on ways of capitalising on the Domesday experience throughout the curriculum.

We expect this data collection to be carried out over the Summer term 1985, with the data and slides being returned to the Project by the end of term. The actual disc system itself will be publicly available towards the end of 1986, consisting of a new type of videodisc player developed for the Domesday Project by Philips Electronics and a pair of Laservision videodiscs expected to contain over 20,000 Ordnance Survey maps, two million pages of text and factual data from local and national sources, plus over 100,000 photographs on an encyclopaedic range of topics. Also on the disc will be a simple but comprehensive range of software to allow access to all this material through the microcomputer already installed in most schools. This information resource has been compared to two full sets of the Encyclopaedia Britannica dealing solely with the life and land of the U.K. in the late twentieth century.

If you would like to take part in this exciting and important national venture, please complete both the reply-slips below and return them to:

**Domesday Project**  
Broadcasting Centre  
Woodhouse Lane  
LEEDS LS2 9PX

(Please use **BLOCK PRINT.**)

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School name: ..... ! School name: .....  
Address: ..... ! Address: .....  
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Post code: ..... ! Post code: .....  
Contact teacher: ..... ! Contact teacher: .....  
Local Ed. Auth.: ..... ! Local Ed. Auth.: .....  
Type of school: ..... ! Type of school: .....  
Type of micro: BBC model 'A' ! Type of micro: BBC model 'A'  
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RML 380Z ! RML 380Z  
RML 480Z ! RML 480Z  
other ! other  
Program storage: 40-track disc ! Program storage 40-track disc  
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other ! other

