

This Week's Wisdom:

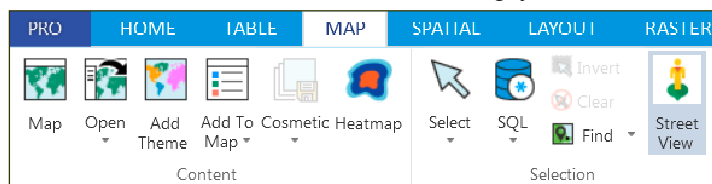
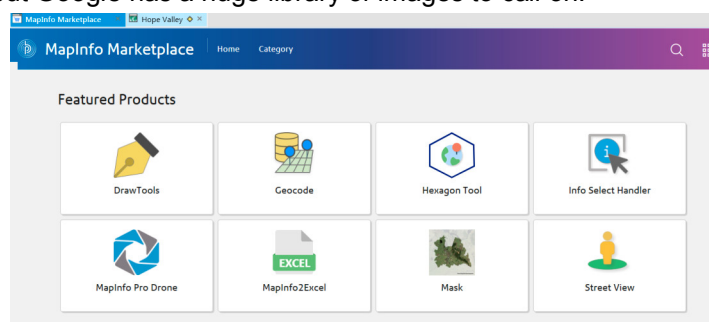
StreetView Tool for MapInfo Pro

How many times have you heard people say that they prefer to use Google for their mapping because it has StreetView? Well now we have a free tool available from the MapInfo Marketplace called the StreetView Tool for MapInfo.

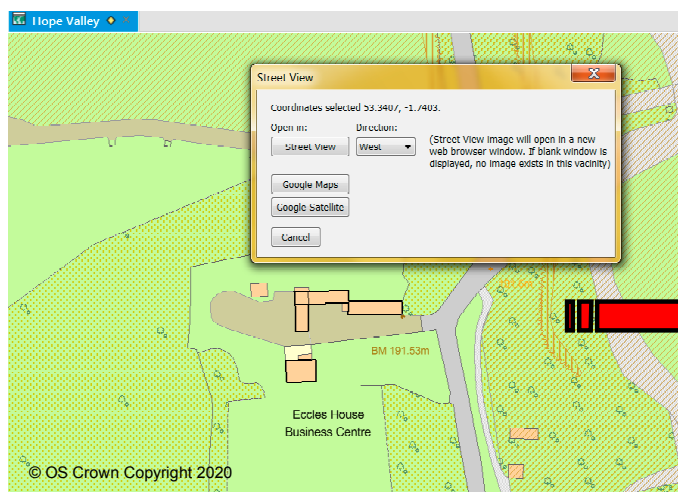
Why StreetView? There is no denying that the streetside imagery is a great feature and assists many people in visualising a location. It may be a few years out of date but Google has a huge library of images to call on.

The MapInfo Marketplace was introduced into MapInfo Pro with v17.0.3 as a Preview version but is now fully released with v2019. Just click to download and install the tool(s) of choice. They will even be auto-updated.

The StreetView tool adds a button to the Map ribbon when you run it. If you click on the button and then click in a Map Window in the vicinity of a road, the tool will send those coordinates to Google StreetView in the Internet browser of choice. Providing you click in



the vicinity of a road which has been captured by Google StreetView, the StreetView images will be displayed in the internet browser window. If a blank screen is displayed, then you have not clicked in the vicinity of a valid road. What you do not get is the indication of what roads are enabled.



Top tip for UK users with Large Scale mapping:-

Whilst there is a good margin for an approximate position wherever you click on the map, if you zoom in close with large scale mapping like OS MasterMap, then you may find that your results are anywhere between 20 and 100 metres off and may result in a blank screen. To improve the accuracy, go to the Map Options button and change the Map Window projection to Google. You will find this under the Projections of the World category as >Popular Visualization CRS (EPSG: 900912). You should get much better results - just remember you are no longer in BNG!