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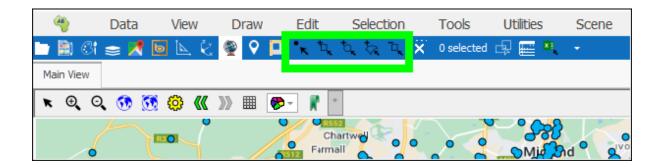
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#### Intro

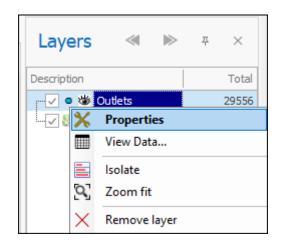
The **Selection** tab has a number of tools you can use for selecting elements in your scene. We will take up each section of this tab:

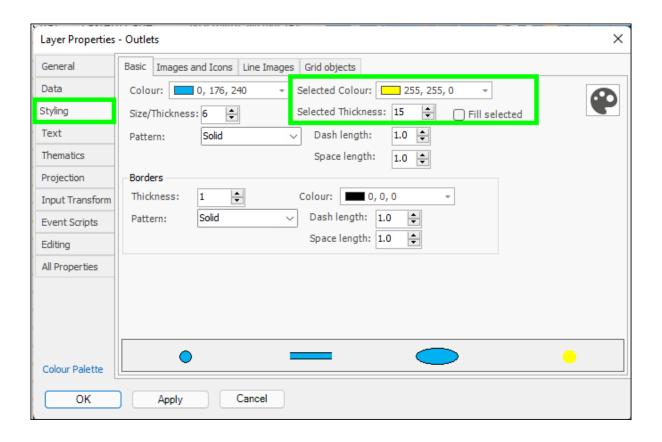
### **Selection Basics**

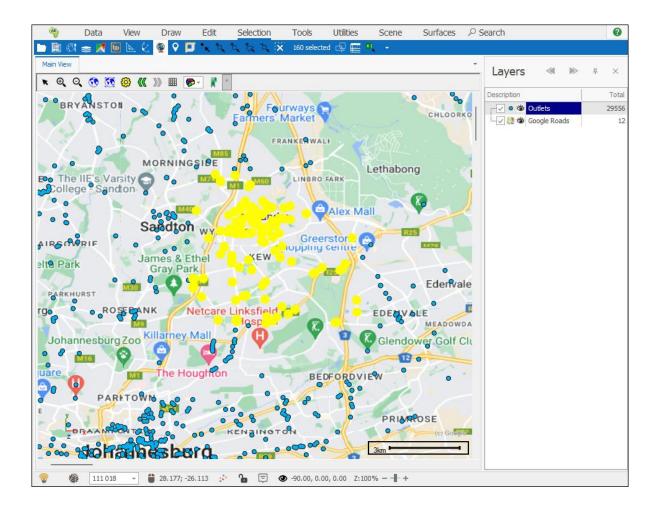
Items are selected in the spatial scene in order to isolate them from others and then inspect them or do various other things with them. All the various tools that can be used to select are available in the Selection Tab, however the main selection tools you would use most often are accessible from the Quick Access Toolbar as well:



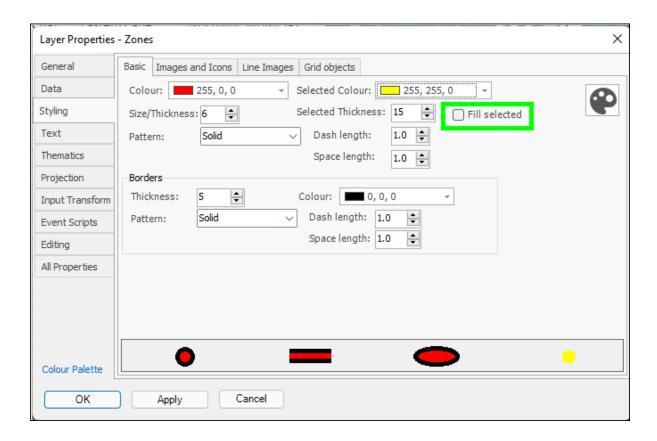
As you select items they are highlighted in the scene in a different colour and sized a bit bigger to make them stand out from the other elements in that layer. This highlighted colour and size can be set in the Layer Properties of the layer in which you are selecting elements, in the **Styling** tab:

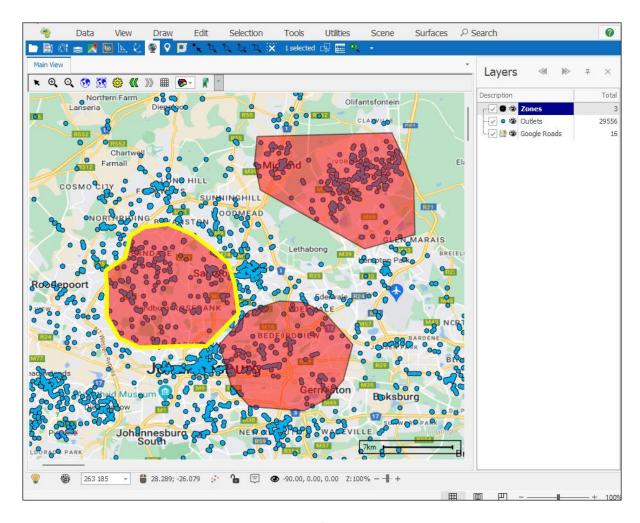




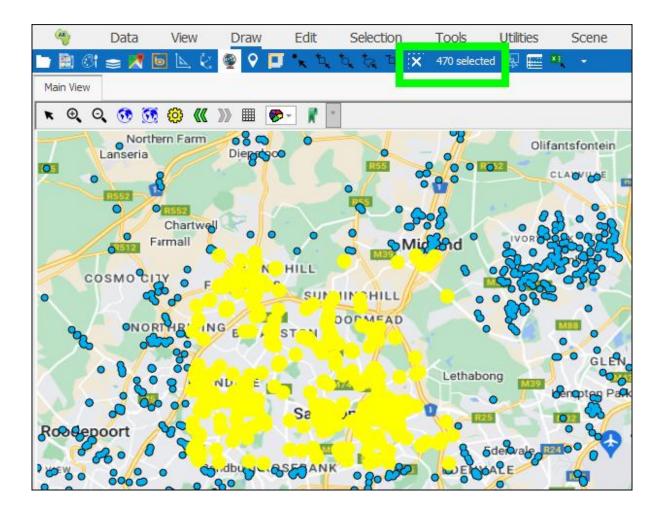


**Fill selected** can be ticked on if you want the entire element to be highlighted, otherwise just the border of the element is highlighted, this is in the case of polygon elements:

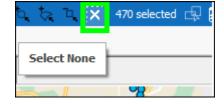


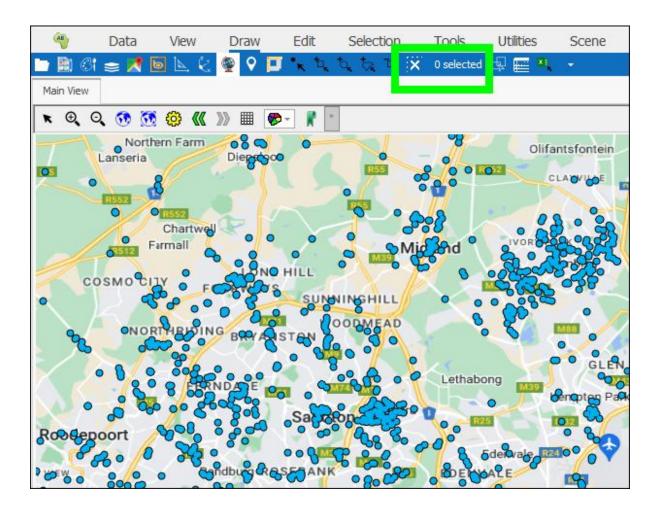


As you select items in your scene, the number of selected items is displayed in the **Number of selected items** box in the blue Quick Access Toolbar:

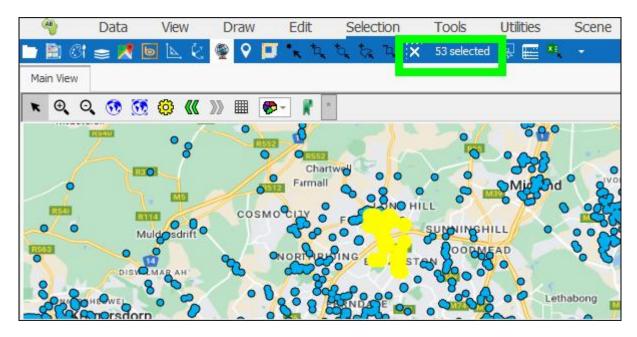


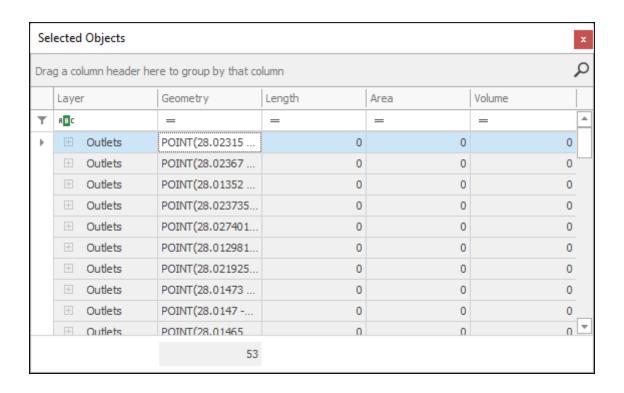
To clear the selection and have no elements selected you can simply click the  $\mathbf{x}$  next to the number of selected items:



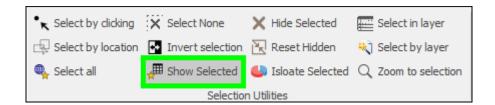


By clicking on the **Number of selected items** box you can bring up a dialogue showing the list of selected items with various data about them such as which layer they belong to etc.:

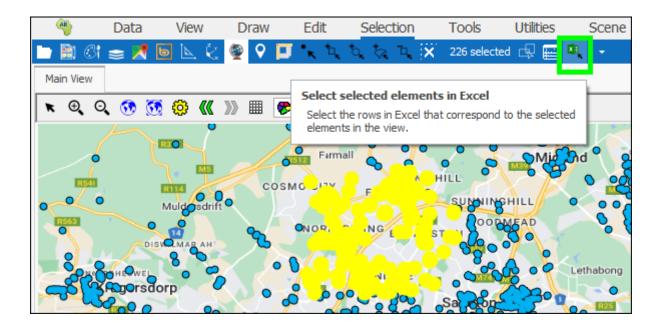


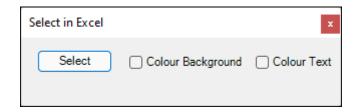


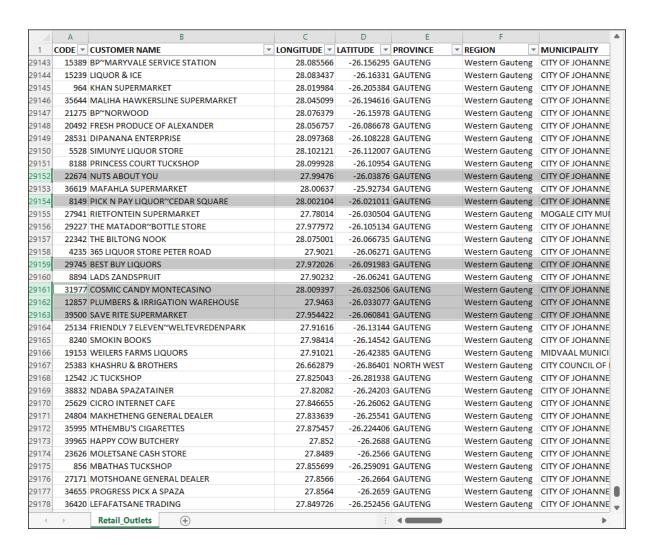
This dialogue can be accessed in the **Selection** tab as well (see <u>Show Selected</u> Tool).



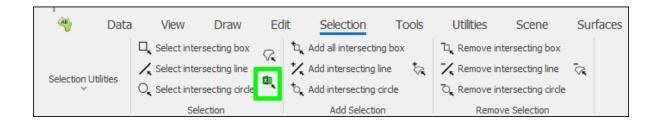
Once you have selected items in your scene you can then have the associated attribute data rows selected as well in Excel, in the case of SpatialXL. This can be done by clicking the **Select selected elements in Excel** button in the Quick Access Toolbar:





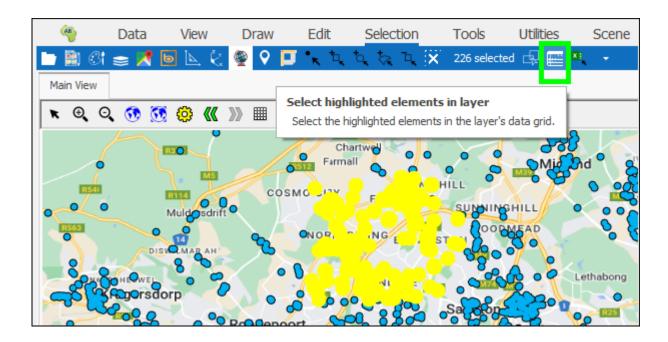


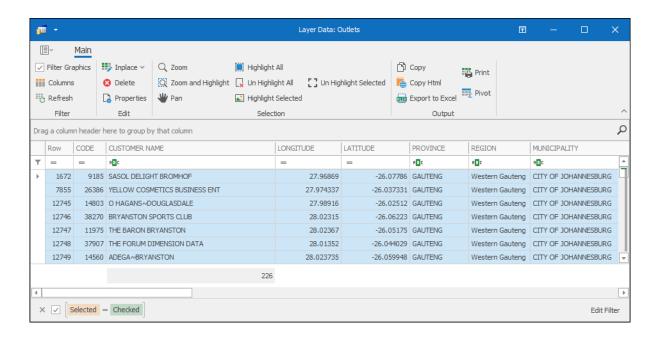
This tool is also available in the **Selection** tab:

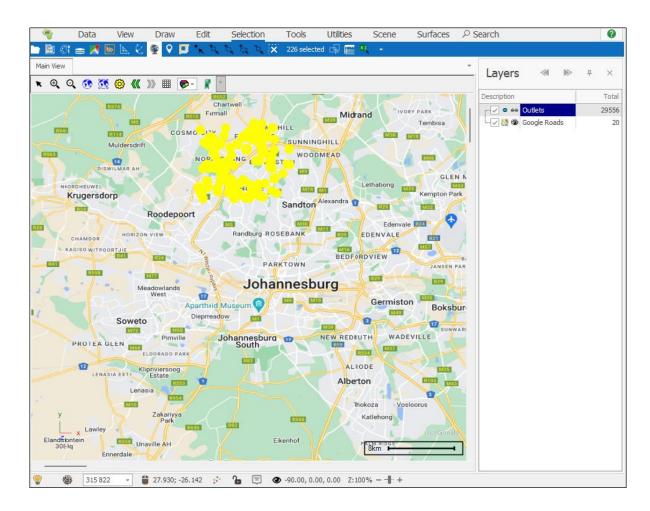


For full data on the **Select selected elements in Excel** tool refer to the <u>Select selected elements in Excel</u> section where this tool is covered.

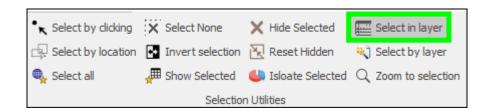
You can have the associated attribute data rows selected in the Layer Data Grid of the layer you are selecting elements in by clicking the **Select highlighted elements in layer** button in the Quick Access Toolbar, this will bring up the grid and filter out the associated rows, which will filter your scene as well:





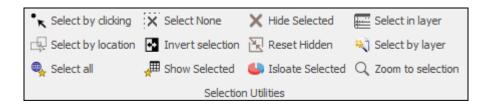


This tool is also available in the Selection tab, Selection Utilities section:



For full data on the Layer Data Grid and how it works refer to the *Layer Data Grid Guide*.

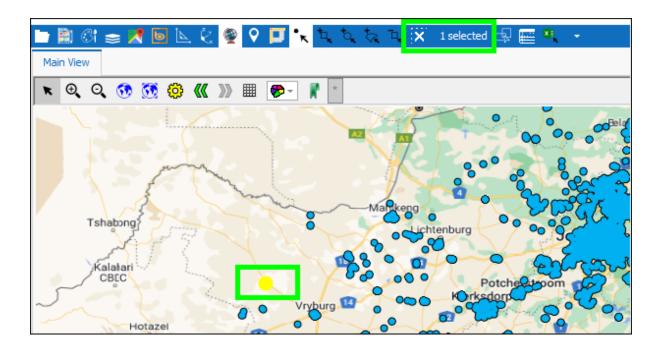
### **Selection Utilities**



### Select by clicking

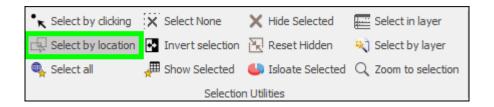
The **Select by clicking** tool allows you to select individual elements in your scene by clicking; by clicking on the same element again you can unselect it. This tool will be greyed in the tab when you select it indicating that it is now active, the tool will remain active until you select it again at which point it will be ungreyed and no longer active:



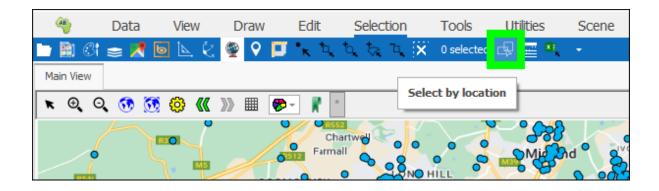


### Select by location

The **Select by location** tool is very useful and allows you to select elements based on their intersection with, distance from etc. another element or elements, such as selecting all points that fall within a polygon area. For full data on how this tool works refer to the *Select by Location guide*:

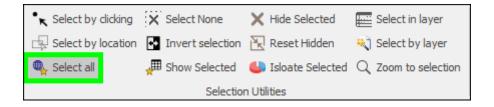


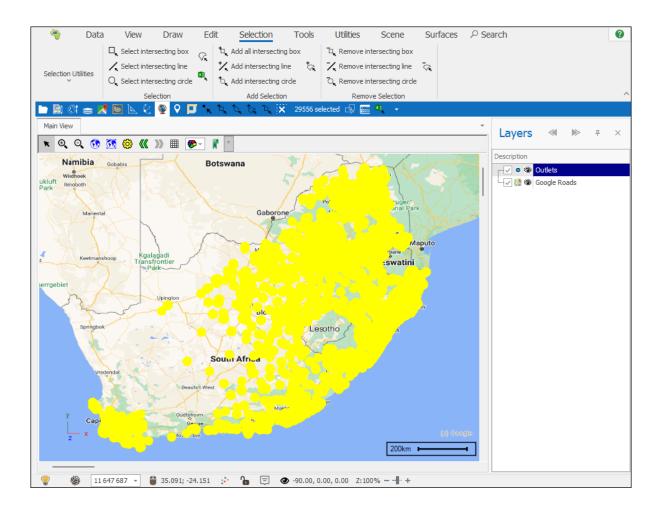
This tool can also be accessed from the Quick Access Toolbar:



#### Select all

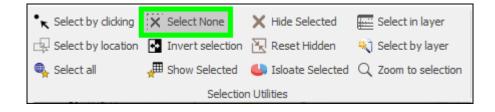
The **Select all** button will select every element in every layer:

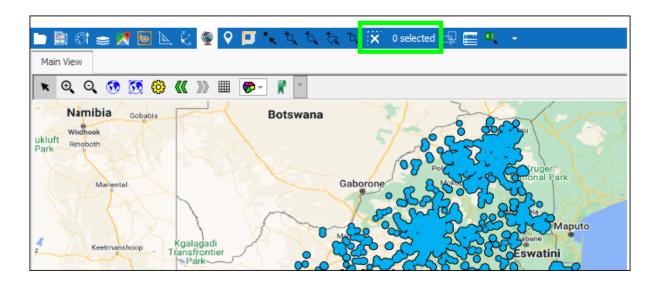




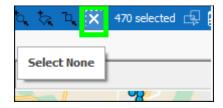
### Select None

The **Select None** button will clear all selected elements:



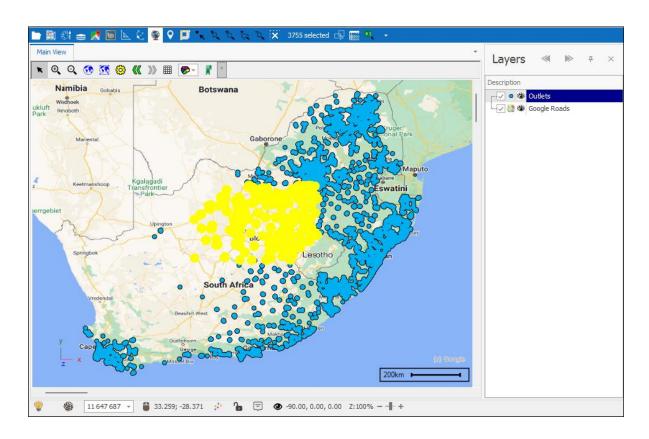


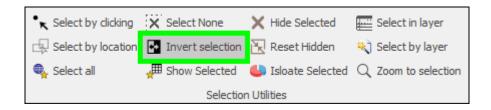
This same function can be accomplished by clicking the  $\mathbf{x}$  next to the Number of selected items box in the Quick Access Toolbar:

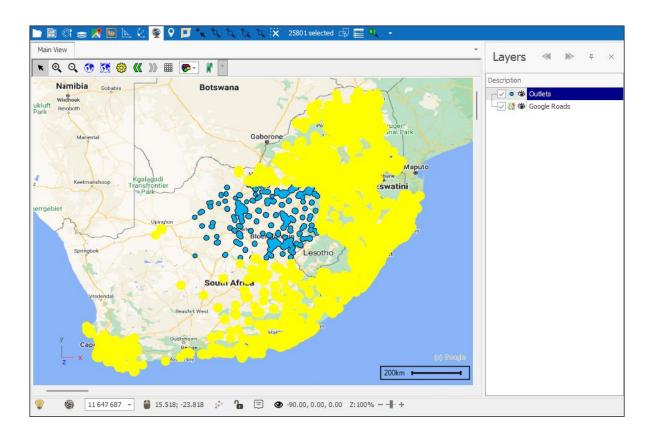


### **Invert Selection**

**Invert Selection** will switch your selection around so that all currently selected elements are unselected, and all unselected elements are now selected:

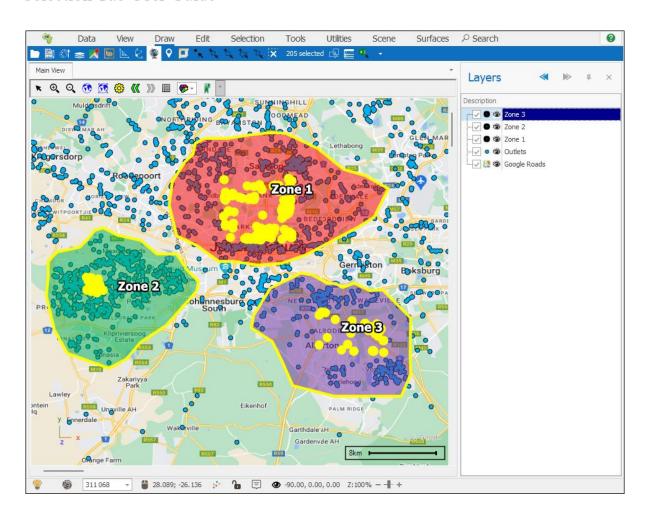


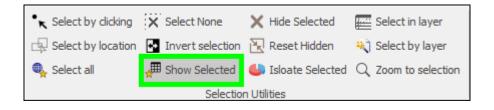


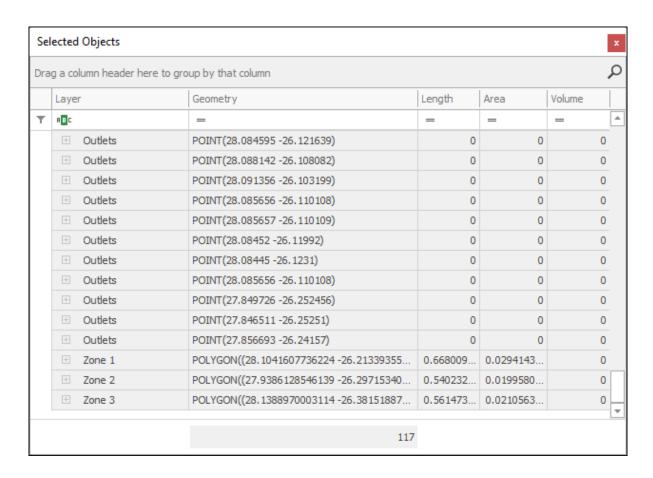


### **Show Selected**

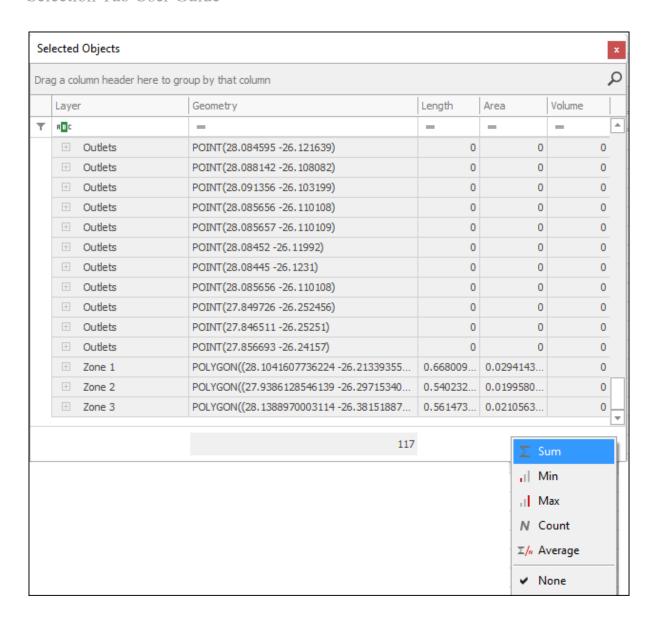
**Show Selected** will bring up a dialogue showing a list of the selected objects with data such as the Layer each object belongs to, its Geometry, as well as its Length, Area and Volume:

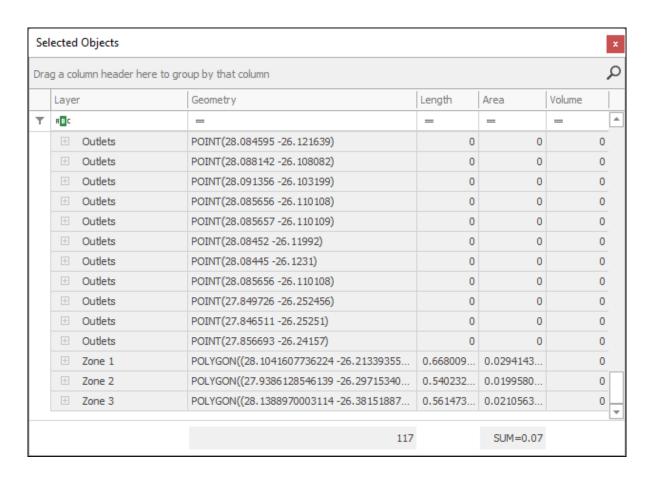




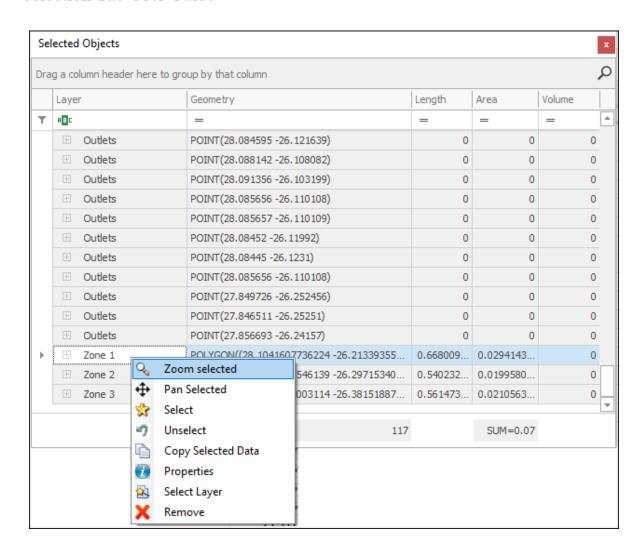


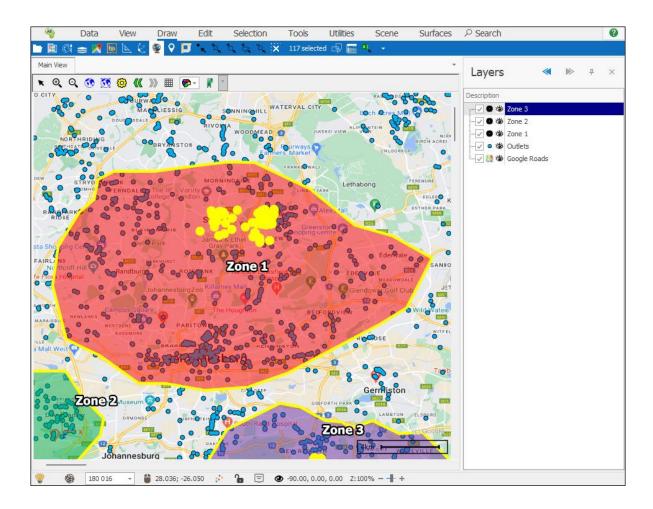
A count of the selected items is shown at the bottom of the Geometry column. You can get Counts and Sums etc. of the data in this grid by right clicking at the bottom of any column and selecting the desired aggregation:



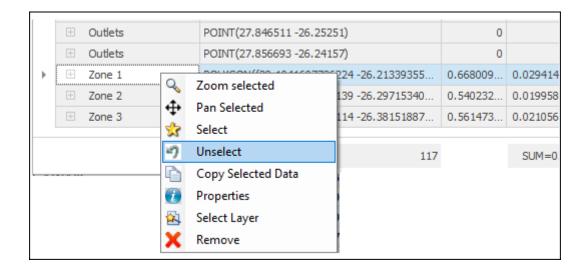


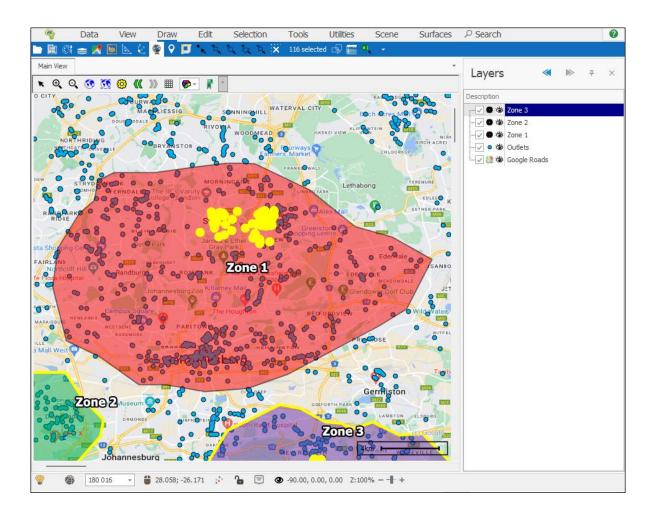
You can zoom or pan to a specific item in the scene by right clicking on it in the grid and selecting **Zoom Selected/Pan Selected**:



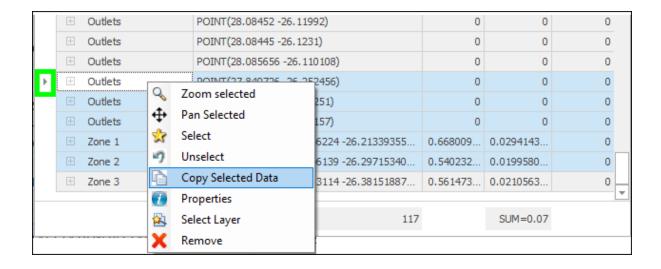


Elements can be selected and unselected by right clicking on them and clicking **Select/Unselect**:

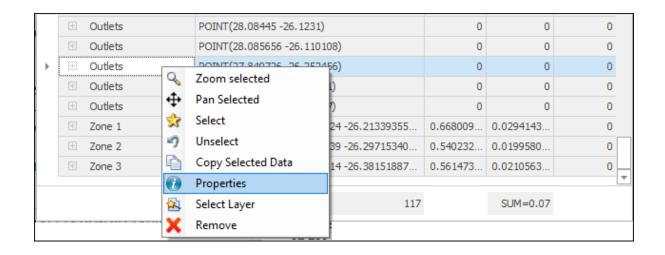


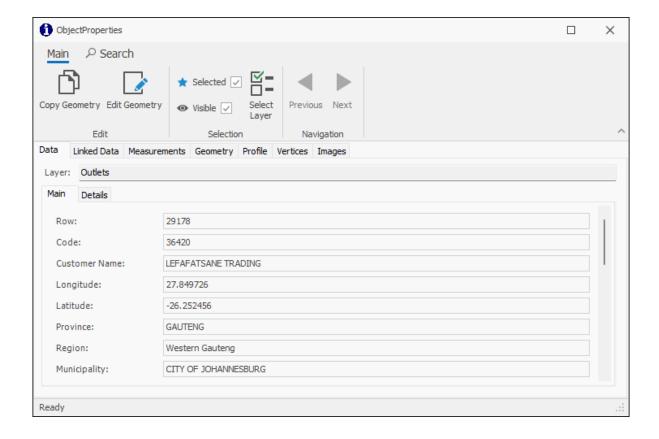


Data can be copied out from here as well by right clicking on the row you want to copy out or selecting a bunch of rows by dragging the little arrow on the left and then right clicking and selecting **Copy Selected Data**:



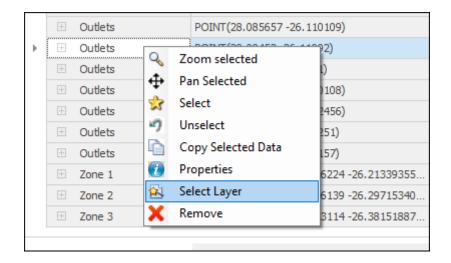
You can view the full data of an element by right clicking on it and selecting **Properties**, this will bring up the ObjectProperties window where all associated attribute information of that element is populated:

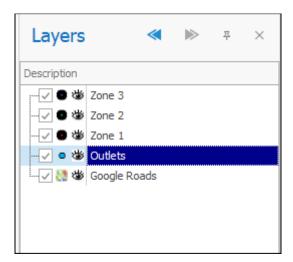




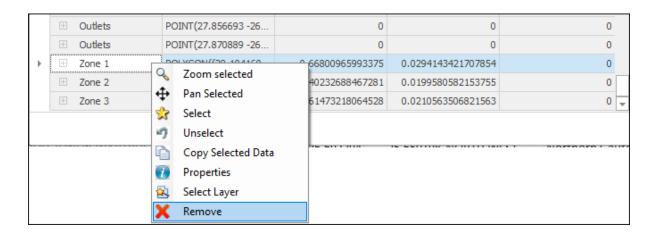
For more information on how this **ObjectProperties** window works, refer to the *Inspector Tool guide*.

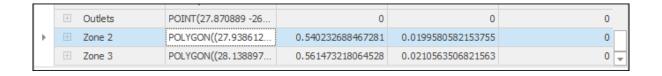
To have the layer of an element highlighted in the Layers Description box, you can right click on it and click **Select Layer**:



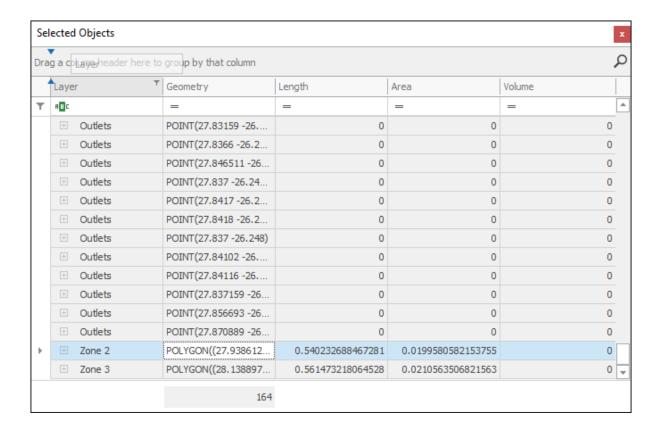


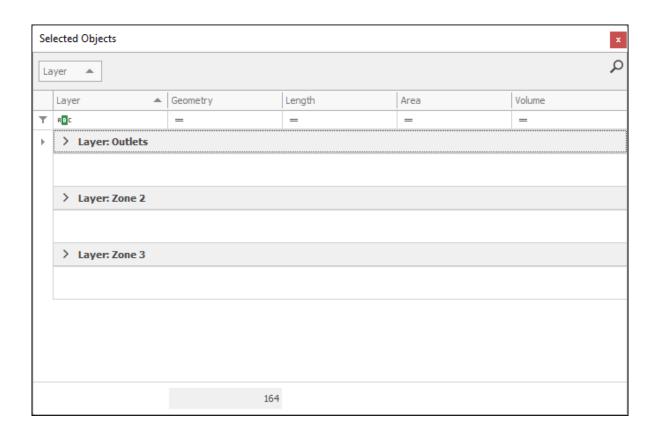
If you want to remove an element from this Selected Objects box, you can right click on it and select **Remove**:





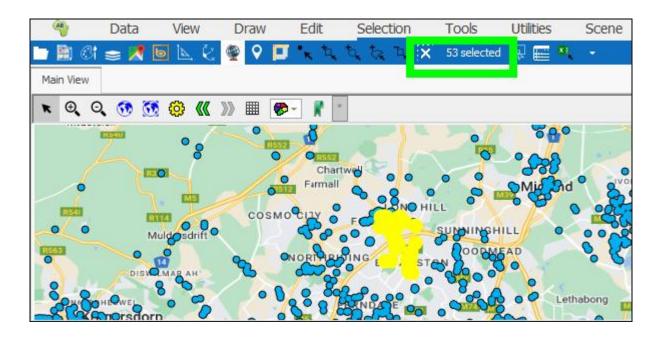
You can also group by column headers by clicking on the column header and dragging it into the grouping area above, to ungroup, click and drag it back:





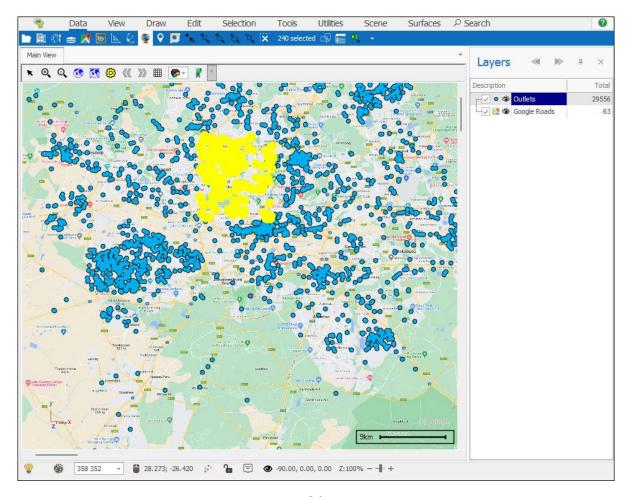
For more data on all the things you can do in this Selected Objects grid, refer to the *Layer Data Grid Guide* whose principles apply to all data grids in our products.

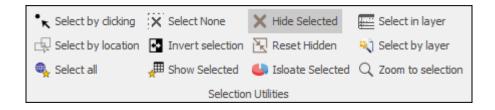
The Selected Objects window can also be accessed from the Quick Access Toolbar by clicking on the number of selected items box:

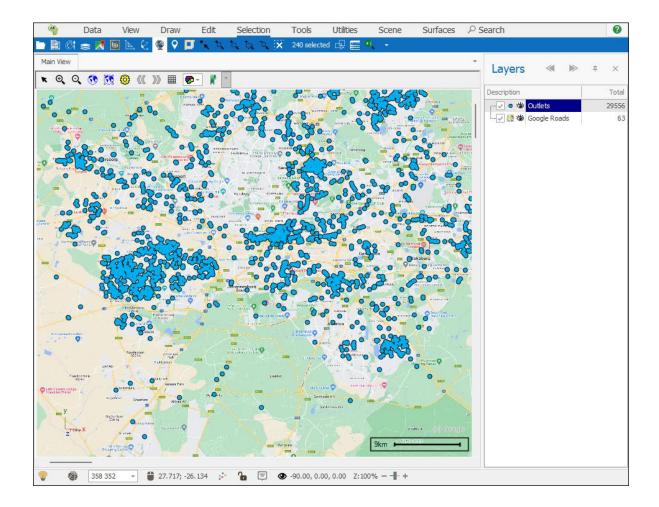


## **Hide Selected**

Hide Selected will hide all selected elements in your scene:



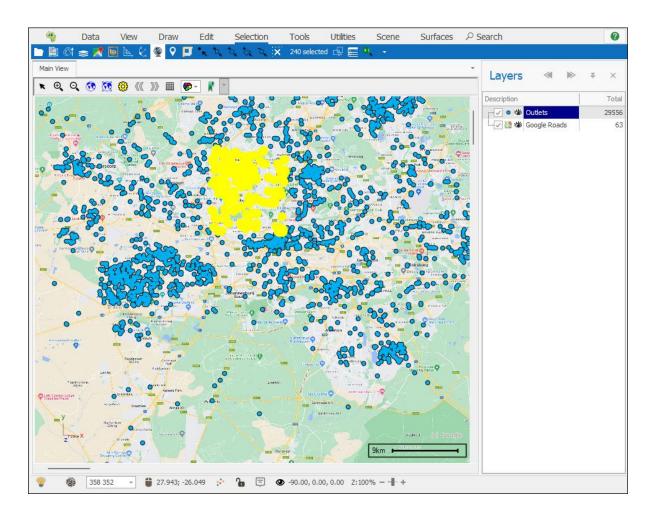




### Reset Hidden

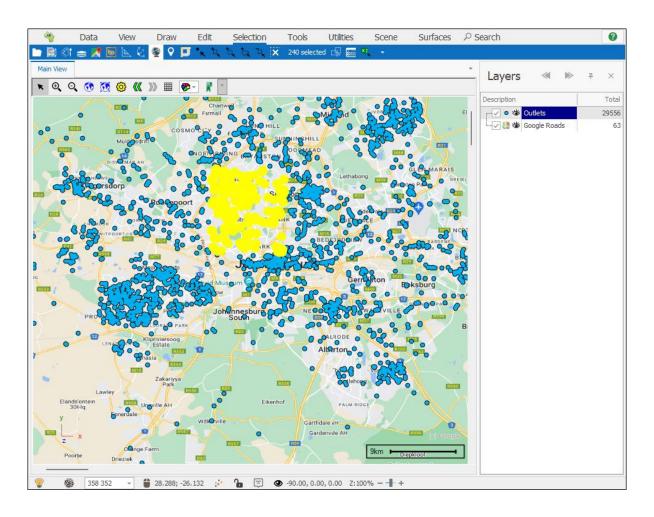
Reset Hidden will put the hidden items back in the scene:

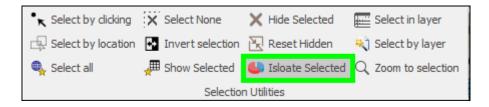


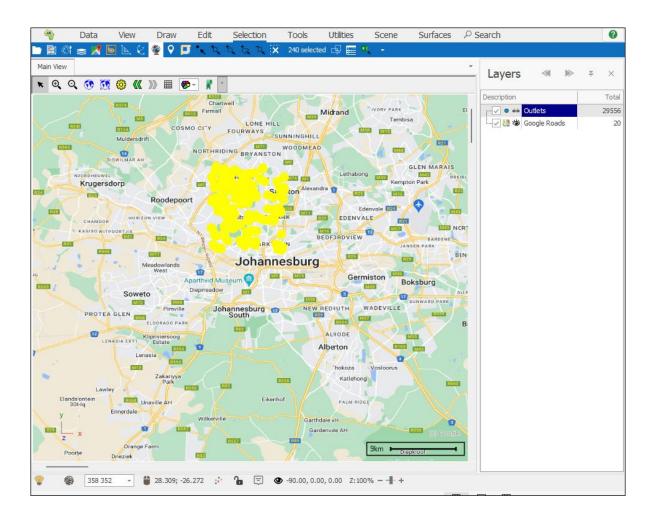


# Isolate Selected

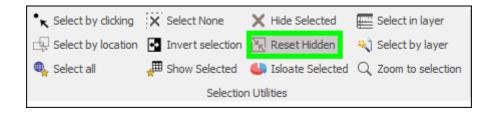
**Isolate Selected** will filter out your elements so that only selected elements show on the scene:





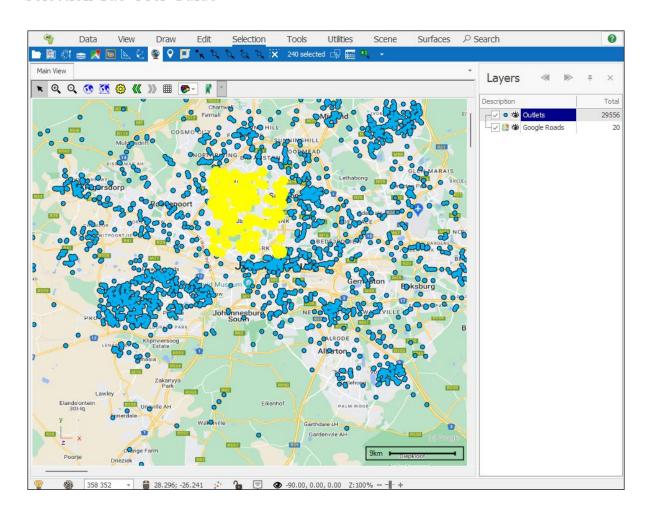


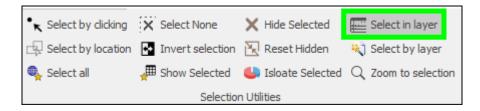
To put back the other elements, click **Reset Hidden**:

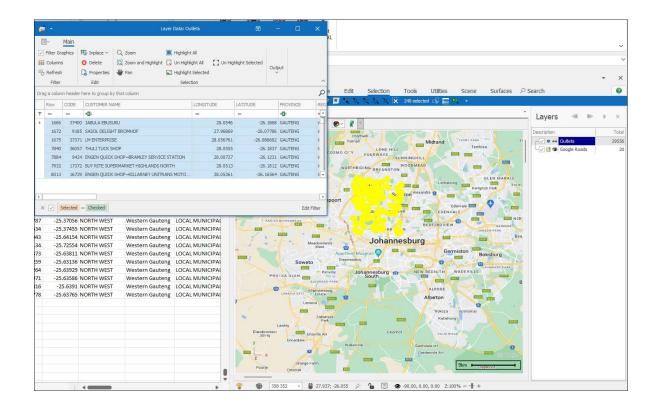


## Select in Layer

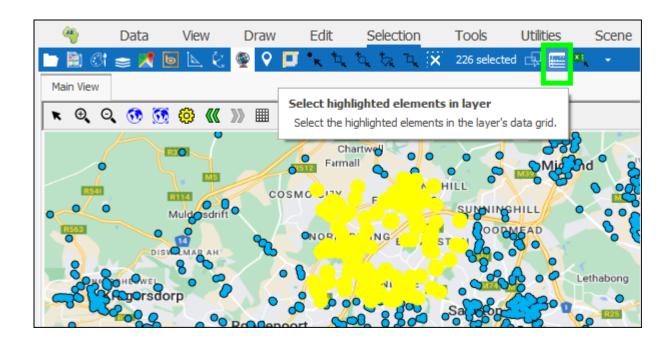
**Select in Layer** will select and filter out the highlighted elements in the Layer Data Grid:





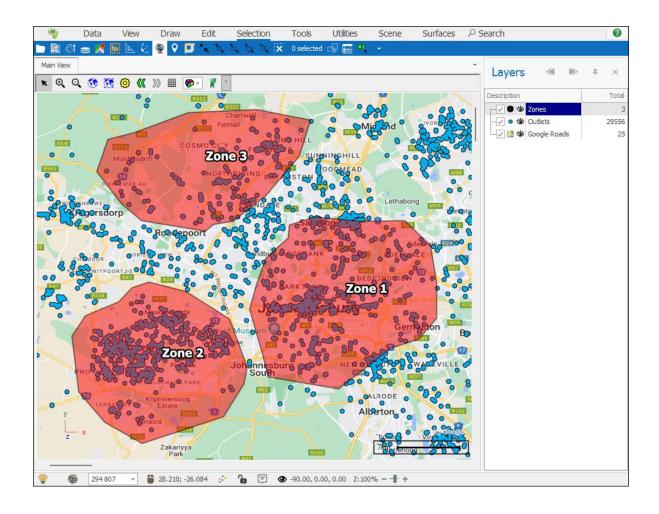


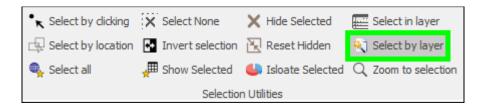
This tool is also accessible from the Quick Access Toolbar:

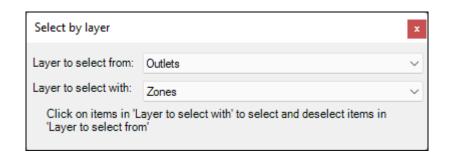


Select by Layer

**Select by layer** allows you to select elements in a target layer by selecting elements in another layer such as a polygon layer; all elements of the target layer contained within the polygon you select will also be selected:

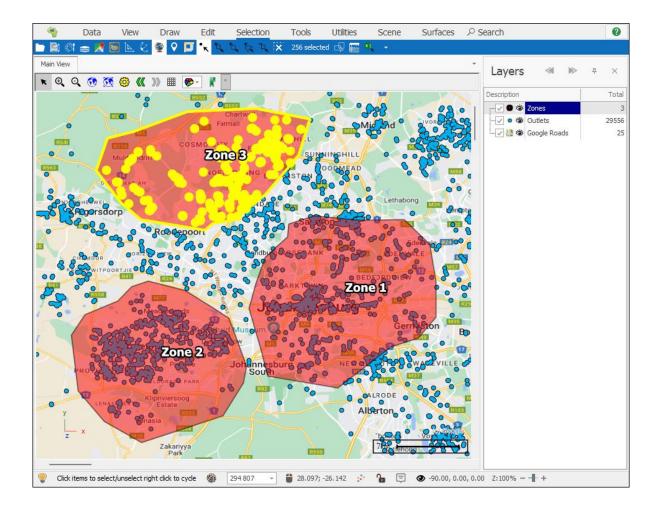




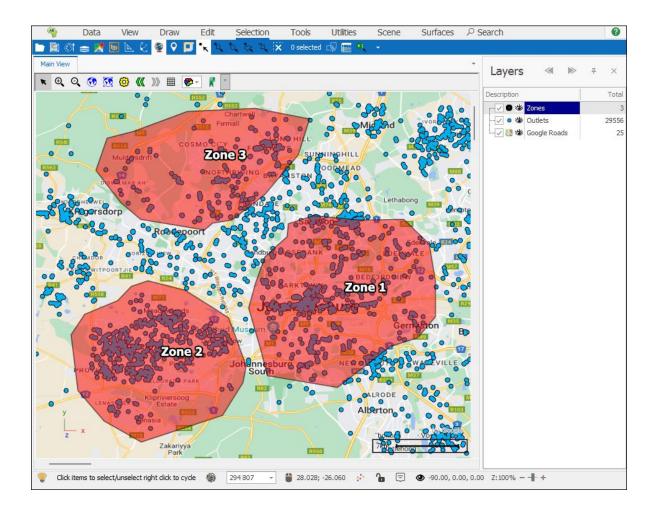


In the dialogue that comes up choose the target layer by Layer to select from and the polygon layer by Layer to select with.

Now, in your scene select a polygon using one of the selection tools and all elements form your target layer contained in that polygon will be selected as well:

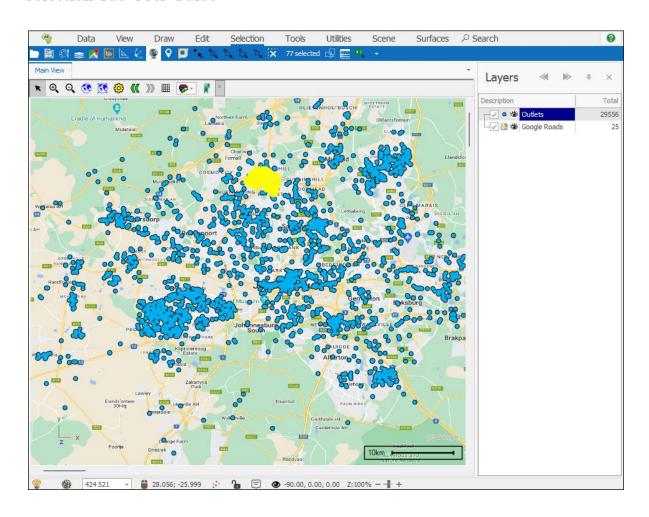


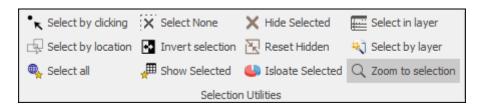
As you unselect polygons, so will the contained elements be unselected:

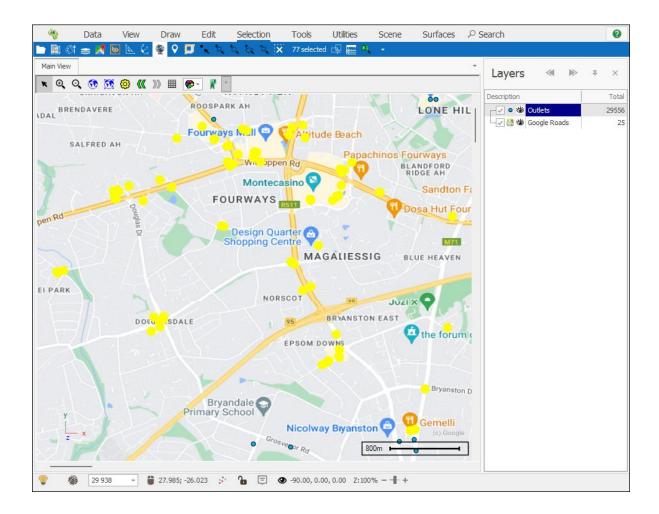


# Zoom to selection

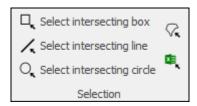
To zoom to the currently selected items you can click **Zoom to selection**:







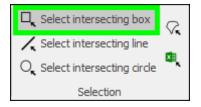
## Selection

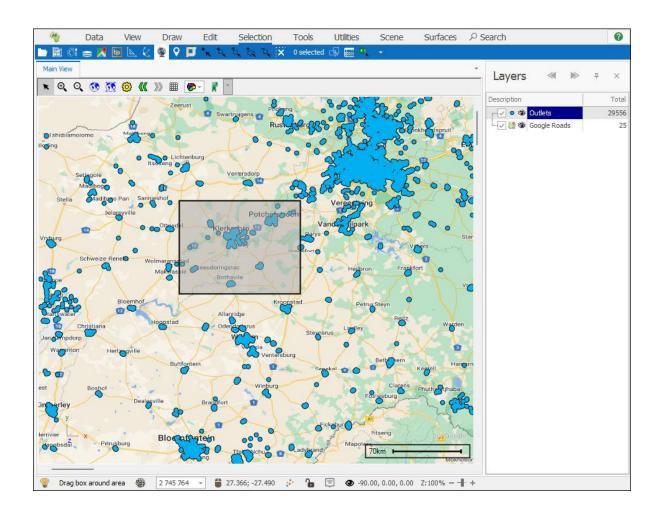


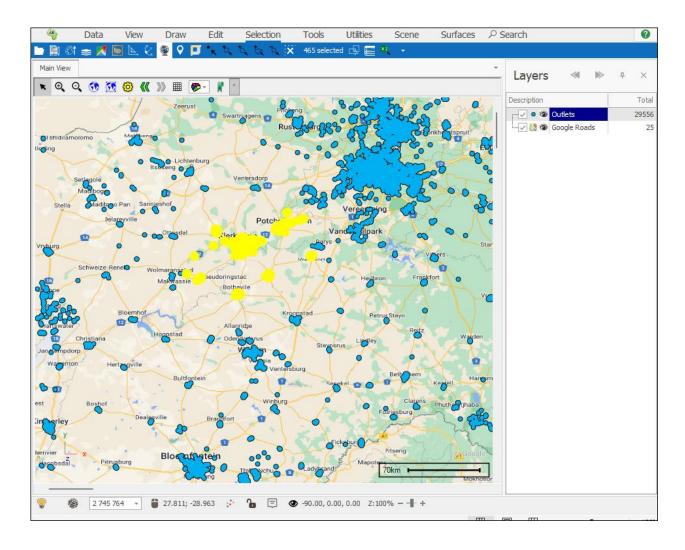
In the **Selection** section of the tab there are a number of different tools you can use to select elements in your scene. These tools will set the selection to whatever you select and unselect anything else you may have selected before.

#### Select intersecting box

**Select intersecting box** allows you to select elements by drawing a box around them. Click in the top left of the area you intend to select then drag the box around:

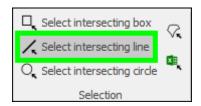


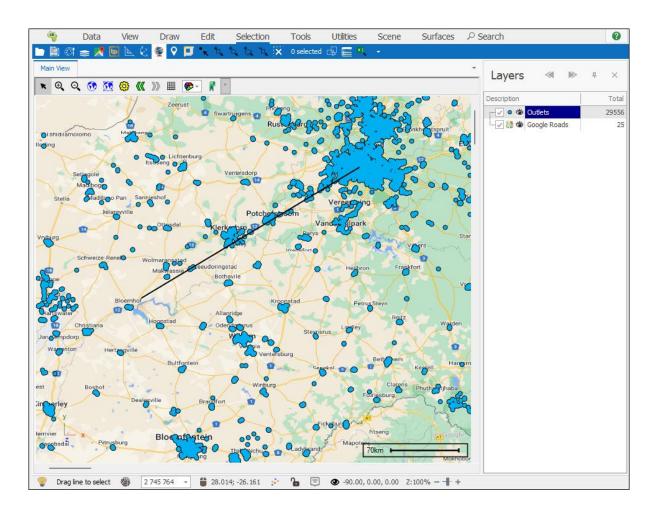


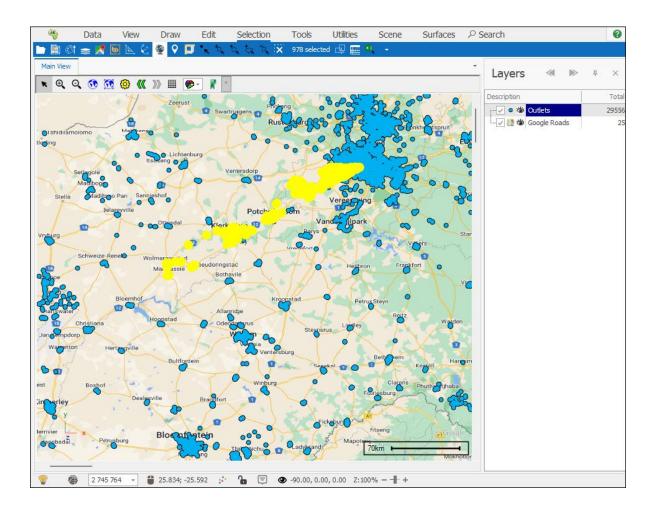


# Select intersecting line

**Select intersecting line** allows you to select elements by drawing a line across them; click in your scene and drag your line across the area you want to select:

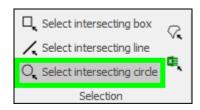


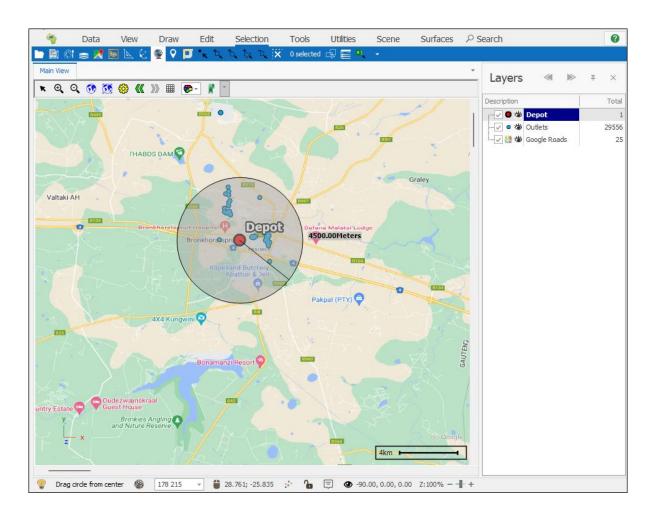


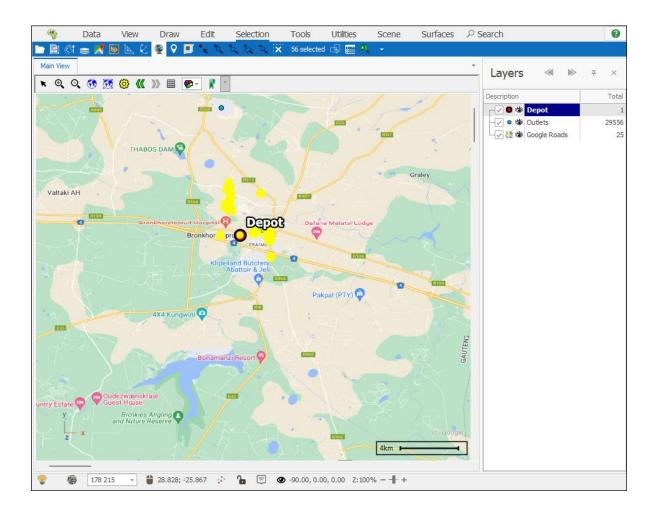


# Select intersecting circle

**Select intersecting circle** allows you to draw a circle to select elements; this allows you to select elements within a certain radius from some point:

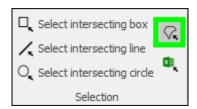


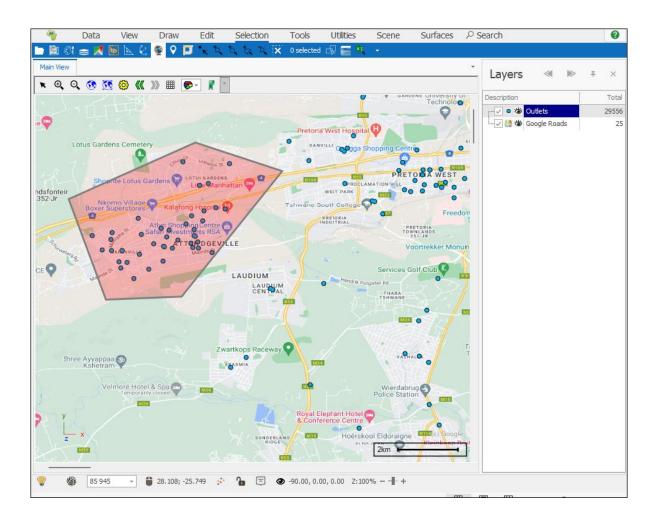


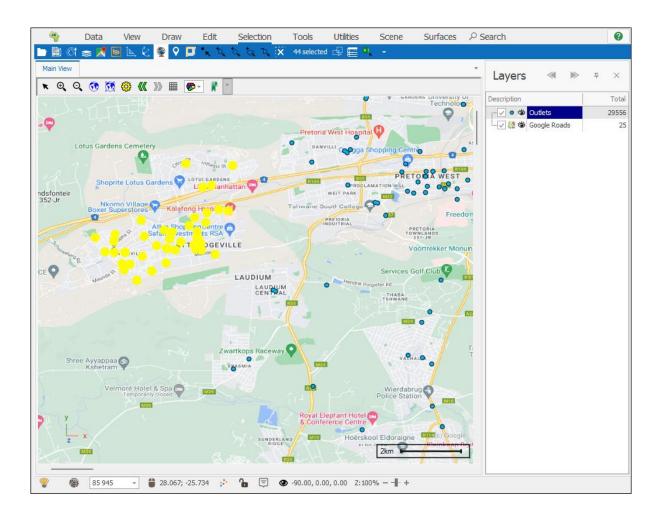


## Select intersecting polygon

The **Select intersecting polygon** tool allows you to select elements in the scene by drawing a polygon around them; click to draw each vertex of the polygon then double click to finish:

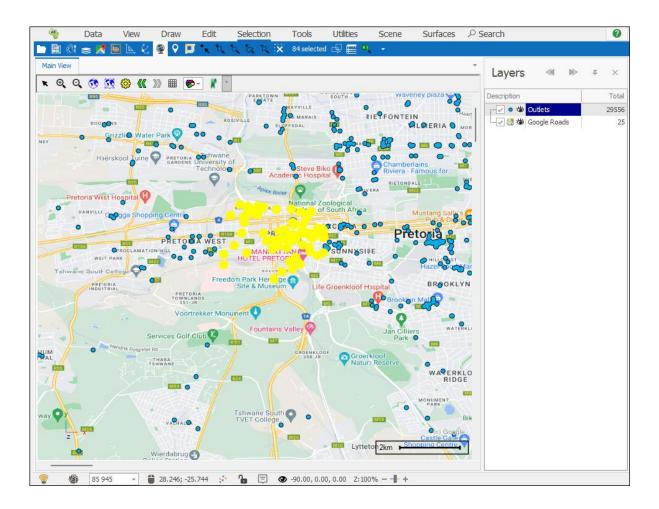


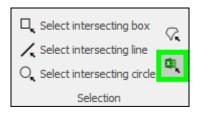




#### Select selected elements in Excel

The **Select selected elements in Excel** button allows you to select the rows in Excel that correspond to the selected elements in the scene. This is for SpatialXL only:



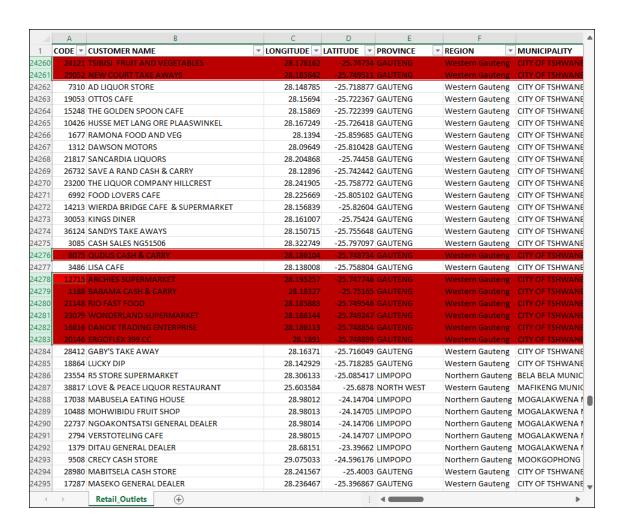




You can choose to have the rows selected in the following ways: Colour Background, Colour Text or not selecting any of these and the rows will just be highlighted for you. I will choose Colour Background for this example and choose the colour to be red:

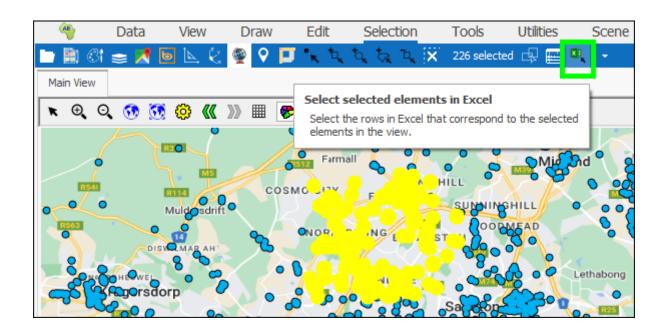


Then click **Select** and the rows are coloured for you. You can then filter by colour to see all these rows:

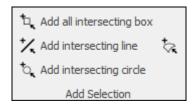




The **Select selected elements in Excel** button can also be accessed from the Quick Access Toolbar:

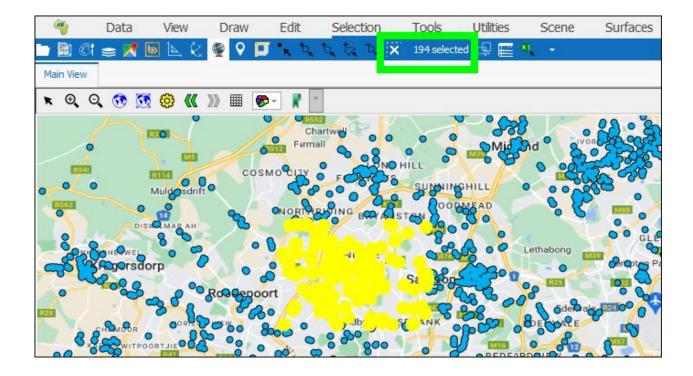


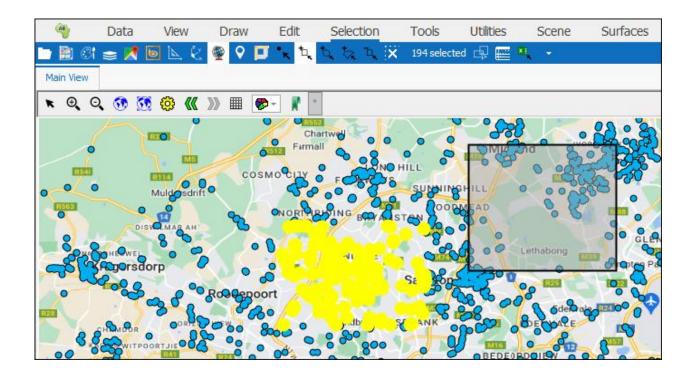
#### **Add Selection**

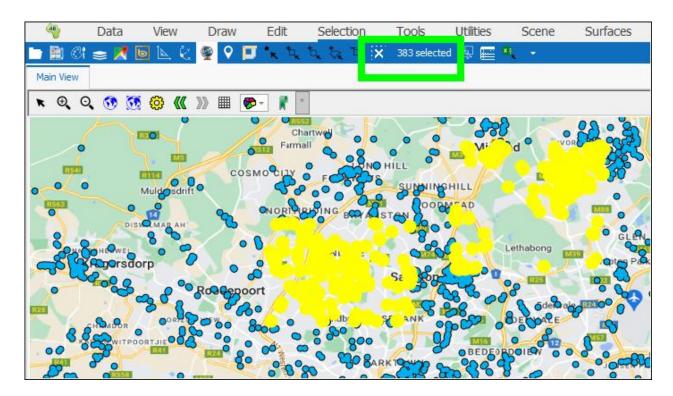


The **Add Selection** section of the tab has the same tools as the **Selection** section that work the same, the only difference is that as you use them, they *add* elements to the selection and do not set the selection to exclusively the elements you have just selected.

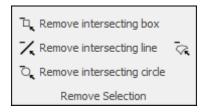
For example, you can select some elements with an intersecting box and then if you select other elements with this same or another tool in this tab, they are *added* to the number of currently selected items:



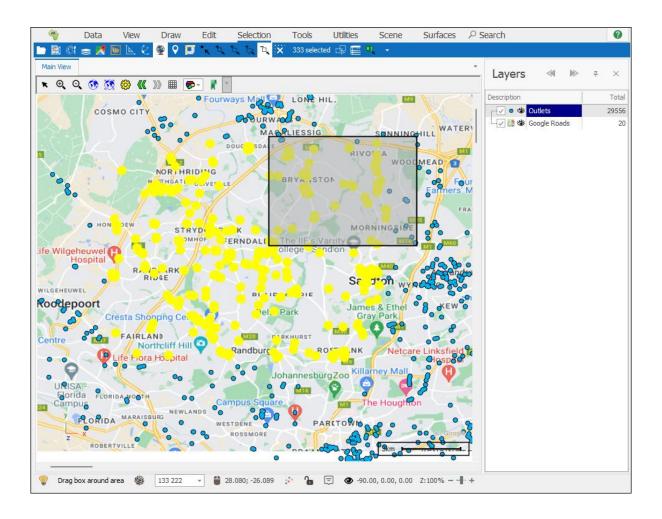


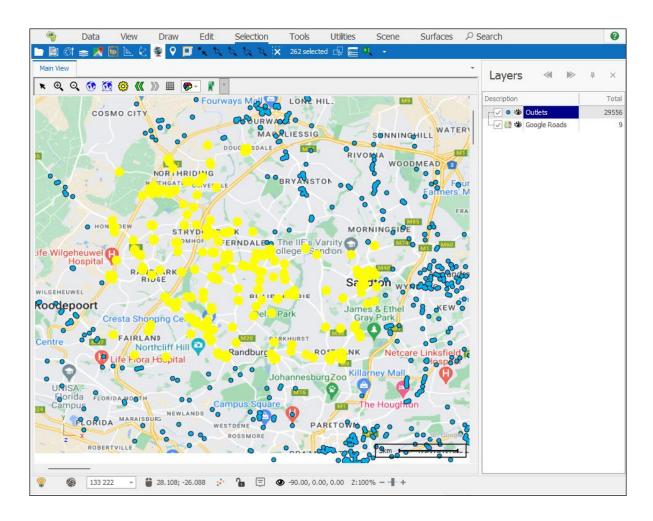


# Remove Selection



The **Remove Selection** of the tab contains the same kind of tools as can be found in the other sections of the tab; the only difference is these tools are used to *remove* elements from selection. For example, you might have selected an area of items and then want to remove some from the selection:





#### Support

