



Privacy Notice – Energy Projects

Introduction

Energy Projects team have provided this privacy notice to help you understand how we collect, use and protect your information whilst we provide you with discretionary consultations, projects or communications.

The document below will describe how we may collect and process your personal information.

The purpose of this document is to clearly acknowledge the Council's responsibilities in relation to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Definitions

Personal Data means any information related to an identified or identifiable natural (living) person ('**data subject**') i.e. a person that can be directly or indirectly identified by reference to a name, ID reference number, email address, location data, or physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or societal identifier

Special Personal Data previously known as 'sensitive personal data', relates to race, ethnic origin, politics, religion, trade union membership, genetic data, biometric data, health, sex life or sexual orientation. Records of criminal personal data must also be treated in a similar way.

Data Controller determines the purposes and means of processing personal data.

Data Processor is responsible for any operation which is performed on personal data on behalf of the controller e.g. collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage, adaption or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction.

Third Party is someone / somebody who is not the Data Controller, the Data Processor or the Data Subject.

Who we are

A team dedicated to representing East Suffolk Council in negotiations and discussions with promoters on proposals for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) in the energy sector this includes but is not limited to a new nuclear power station to be known as Sizewell C on the Suffolk coast at Sizewell and Offshore Windfarm projects in the East Anglian Array.

The Council is the 'data controller' for the information which is collated and

processed. This means we are responsible for deciding how we can use your information. If you want more information regarding the services delivered, please go to our [website](#).

The Council regards lawful and correct treatment of personal information as critical to their successful operations, maintaining confidence between the Council and those with whom they carry out business. The Council will ensure that they treat personal information correctly in accordance with the law.

East Suffolk Council is a statutory consultee in the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects regime as defined by the Planning Act 2008 (as amended), however, the service we provide under this Regulation is discretionary.

The Data Protection Officer for ESC is Siobhan Martin, Head of Internal Audit, and can be contacted at dataprotection@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

How the law protects you

GDPR says that we are allowed to use personal information only if we have a proper reason to do so. More information on how the law protects you can be found on the [East Suffolk website](#).

Our Responsibilities

GDPR provides us with main responsibilities for processing personal data.

All personal information provided by you is held securely and in confidence by us in our computerised and other records. When we process your personal information, we do so in compliance with GDPR.

For further information on our responsibilities, please see the [East Suffolk website](#).

Your Rights

The GDPR provides you with the following rights:

1. The right to be informed
2. The right of access
3. The right to rectification
4. The right to erasure
5. The right to restrict processing
6. The right to data portability
7. The right to object
8. Rights in relation to automated decision making
9. The right to withdraw consent
10. The right to complain

Requests in relation to your rights with regards to the personal data we hold should be made verbally or in writing to the Data Protection Officer.

For further information on your rights, please see the [East Suffolk website](#).

Your responsibilities

You are responsible for making sure you give us accurate and up to date information, and to let us know if any personal information we hold is incorrect.

When do we collect information about you?

We collect information about you from different places, including:

- Emails or correspondence you have sent to us.
- Contact details you have provided to enable us to support you or a group.
- Details you have made publically available online in the form of contact details in association with a group, Town or Parish Council, or other organisation.

What information do we maintain?

The information about you which we will maintain will include:

- Emails and scanned hard copies of relevant Correspondence.
- Notes of Meetings, teleconferences, presentations.
- Documentation in relation to developments promoted under the National Significant Infrastructure Projects regime.

How do we use your information?

We will be using your information to:

- Consider your comments or representation in the preparation of the Council's response during the consultation process for any NSIPs under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended).
- Send regular newsletters and information regarding projects being considered by the Council during the NSIP process.

We will not use your personal data for other purposes other than for what it was collated unless we have obtained your consent or for other lawful purposes (eg detection and prevention of fraud).

How long do we keep your information?

Holding of personal information is reviewed periodically and only retained when necessary in relation to a specific project. Information would usually be destroyed once a project has been consented or constructed..

Data Sharing

Personal information is not shared.

Transferring your information overseas

Currently, we do not transfer any personal information outside of the European Economic Area (EEA).

National Fraud Initiative (NFI)

We may share information provided to us with other bodies responsible for auditing, or administering public funds, or where undertaking a public function, in order to prevent and detect fraud. For further information, see the [East Suffolk website](#).