



**An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta**
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage

Privacy Statement

Public Consultation Process in Foreshore Unit

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is the Government Department responsible for housing and water, for local government, for heritage, for physical and spatial planning and for weather forecasting.

The Department is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. This privacy statement explains how the Department, as the Data Controller, will process the personal data provided to it in respect of the Public Consultation process; how that information will be used and what rights you may exercise in relation to your personal data.

Why we are processing your data

The Department will use your data to inform the decision-making process for foreshore consent applications. The Department will not process your personal data for any purpose other than that for which it was collected.

Profiling

The Department will not use any personal data collected from you in respect of this process for the purpose of automated decision making or profiling.

Lawfulness of processing

This processing of your personal data is lawful under Article 6 (1) (c) of the GDPR. The legal basis for processing this information arises from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-

making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (the Aarhus Convention) which was adopted on 25 June 1998. Ireland ratified the Convention on 20 June 2012.

The Aarhus Convention provides members of the public with a right to participate in a range of decisions where there may be an environmental impact including the granting of a foreshore licence/lease.

Security of your personal data

The Department implements appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect your information from unauthorised access. However, despite these efforts, no security measures are perfect or impenetrable, and no method of data transmission can be guaranteed against any interception or other type of misuse. In the event that your personal data is compromised as a result of a breach of security, the Department's Breach Management policy and procedures will be implemented.

Recipients of the data

Personal data may be exchanged with other Government Departments, local authorities, agencies under the aegis of the Department, or other public bodies, in certain circumstances where this is provided for by law. Any responses to be published on the website are redacted of appropriate identifying personal data.

Cross-border Data Transfers

The Department will not transfer personal data collected in respect of this activity to any country or international organisation outside the EU/EEA.

How long will we keep your data?

The Department will only retain your personal data for as long as it is necessary for the purposes for which it was collected and processed.

Your rights

The Department's [Data Protection Policy](#), which sets out how we will use your personal data, as well as providing information regarding your rights as a data subject (including details regarding right of access, right to rectification, right to erasure, right to restriction of

processing, right to object), is available on our website. The policy is also available in hard copy upon request.

If you consider that your rights have been infringed, you have the right to complain to the Irish Data Protection Commissioner (www.dataprotection.ie), and you have the right to seek a judicial remedy.

Contacting Us

If you require further information, or wish to access your personal data, please contact the Department's **Data Protection Officer**, details below:

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