



**An Roinn Tithíochta,  
Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil**  
Department of Housing,  
Planning and Local Government

## **Public Consultation on the revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines (Privacy Statement)**

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government is the Government Department responsible for housing and water, for physical and spatial planning, for local government 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 submissions made during public participation on the revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines how that information will be used, and what rights you may exercise in relation to your personal data.

### **Purposes of the processing**

The Department will use your data in order to inform the review of the Wind Energy Development Guidelines. 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 the submissions received as part of this public participation process for automated decision-making, or for profiling purposes.

### **Lawfulness of processing**

This processing of your personal data is lawful under Article 6(1)(e) of the General Data Protection Regulation. This grounds for data processing is established in Section 13(1) of Directive 2001/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 June 2001 on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment and in accordance with the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 (SI 435 of 2004), as amended by the European Communities (Environmental Assessment of Certain Plans and Programmes) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (SI 200 of 2011).

### **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.

### **Cross-border Data Transfers**

The Department will not transfer personal data collected in respect of submissions received as part of this public participation process to any country or international organisation outside the EU/EEA.

### **How long will your data be kept?**

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.

The data retention period for your personal data will be in line with the legislative and business unit requirements and the National Archives Act 1986 (as amended).

### **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](http://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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