



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

## **Public Consultation on the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage's Statement of Strategy 2021-2025**

### **(Privacy Statement)**

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is the Government Department responsible for housing and water, for physical and spatial planning, for local government, for heritage 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 included in submissions made to the public consultation on the Statement of Strategy 2021-2025; how that information will be used, and what rights you may exercise in relation to your personal data.

#### **Why are we processing your data**

The Department will use the submissions it receives as part of this consultation process in order to shape the content and focus of the Department's Statement of Strategy 2021-2025. If you include your name and contact details in your submission, these details will be retained in case we need to contact you about your submission. The Department will also publish your submission on our website and include your name as the author of your submission. All contact details will be removed. If you do not wish for your name to be included, please let us know and we will remove this information also before publishing. The Department will not process your personal data for any other purpose

#### **Profiling**

The Department will not use any personal data collected from you in respect of the Statement of Strategy 2021-2025 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 GDPR Regulation which provides that processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller, in this case the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in its capacity as the body responsible for producing a Statement of Strategy under the Public Services Management Act 1997.

### **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 the Statement of Strategy 2021-2025 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. In line with legislative and business requirements, the data retention period for your personal data, in this instance, is eight years.

### **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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