

As local authorities are incapable of securely storing information currently, and lag behind most of the developed world in relation to data openness and general IT capabilities I strongly oppose the proposal. I would ask you to contact each local authority to discuss retrieval of fire safety information in relation to the buildings they are meant to be protecting or rates offices. The local government computer services board was essentially defuncted and there is little to no investment in IT infrastructure. My guess is that the proposal is to give one local authority the funds and rights to run the registers, similar to hap and bcar. If the IT backbone is as opaque and poor as both of these systems then I would be seriously concerned about the national security of our electoral system. Most local authorities run on hardware from the early 2000s with server services from Internet explorer 8.

The idea that the ppsn is further expanding to be linked to voting rights for citizens as well as driving licences and passports is not required or acceptable as it creates open opportunities for legislation that may cross the boundaries between federal law and civilian rights. Especially as this country has a data protection commissioner's office that has been proven to be a soft touch by major multinationals for storage of personal information. Another under resourced department, similar to corporate "enforcement" debacle. A large number of major international data breaches occurred in this country, yet there appears to be no action by the state. A civil service that oversees a garda record keeping system so corrupt that thousands of false entries lead to no repercussions to the users should not be given the keys to the electoral roll.

In relation to data security and sharing, we have already made mockery of our neutral status by sharing all our border data with mi5 and giving assurance that this state will be a guard dog to the UK.

The state gives away the names and addresses of all citizens to geodirectory and eircode private companies for them to sell to advertising companies and terrorist alike.

Stick with the paper records, maybe make the form the same and allow the form to be emailed (signed and scanned) to the local authority.