



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

## **Transboundary Environmental Public Consultation on the proposed Sizewell C, Nuclear Power Station, Suffolk, UK (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 a Data Controller, will process the personal data provided to it by the planning authorities in respect of submissions made to planning authorities during the public consultation on the potential transboundary effects of the proposed Sizewell C, Nuclear Power Station, Suffolk, UK; how that information will be used, and what rights you may exercise in relation to your personal data.

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

Planning authorities are statutorily obliged, in accordance with Article 132 (4) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, to consult with the Department on any submissions or observations received during this transboundary environmental public consultation and this will involve the provision of your personal data to the Department by the planning authorities.

The Department will review your submission, as forwarded by the planning authority to which it was submitted, in order to ensure that it is aware of all the issues and concerns raised in

response to this transboundary environmental public consultation. There is no obligation on members of the public to make a submission or observation to a planning authority as part of this transboundary environmental public consultation.

The Department will not publish your submissions or any summary of those submissions received from the planning authorities. Submissions may be released under the Freedom of Information Act 2014. The Department may include your name, or the name of the organisation in any submission released under the FOI Act. If any submissions are released under the FOI Act, additional personal data, such as contact details, will be redacted. 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 submissions made in relation to this public consultation 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 Regulations and in accordance with Article 132(4) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

### **Processing of special categories of personal data**

Under Article 9(1) of the GDPR regulations, the processing of personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, and the processing of genetic data, biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or data concerning a natural person's sex life or sexual orientation is prohibited, except in very specific circumstances. Therefore, the Department requests those making submissions not to include data of this nature in their submission.

### **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 will not be exchanged with any other Government Departments, local authorities, agencies under the aegis of the Department, or other public bodies.

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

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

In accordance with Section 174 (5) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, planning authorities will be sharing submissions received with the Planning Inspectorate in the United Kingdom for the purposes of the transboundary consultation on the likely significant effects on the environment of Ireland by the proposed development of the Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station, located at Suffolk, England, UK. The UK Planning Inspectorate may publish submissions or a summary of same on its website.

### **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. When your personal data is no longer required for this purpose, we destroy or delete it in a secure manner.

The data retention period for your personal data will be 12 years in line with the proposed timeline for construction of the proposed nuclear power station to be completed.

## **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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