

## Data Protection Privacy Notice

Service: Housing

Team: Private Sector Housing

Processing activity: Identifying and bringing long term empty property back into use

### The Data Controller

East Devon District Council's Environmental Health Service

Address: Blackdown House, Border Road, Heathpark Industrial Estate, Honiton, EX14 1EJ

Contactable by emailing [environmentalhealth@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:environmentalhealth@eastdevon.gov.uk) or by calling 01395 571780.

### The Data Controller's Representative

John Golding, Strategic Lead, Housing and Environment

Contactable by emailing [jgolding@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:jgolding@eastdevon.gov.uk) or by calling 01395 571572.

### The Data Protection Officer

Henry Gordon Lennox

Contactable by emailing [dataprotection@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection@eastdevon.gov.uk) or by calling 01395 517401.

### Obtaining your personal information

Property ownership information may be obtained from Council Tax, Electoral Registration and from Land Registry. The information that we will obtain will be your name, address and contact details.

### Use of your personal information

We are using your personal information to make contact with you to facilitate enforcement in respect of bringing empty property back into use and on the basis of public task and our legal obligation under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, the Housing Act 2004 and the Housing and Planning Act 2018.

### Who will receive or see my personal information?

Your personal information will be available to be seen by those within the Private Sector Housing Team, for the purpose of investigating ownership of the property and taking steps to bring it back into use, and within support services (such as the Legal and Finance Teams and third party payment handler) where necessary to carry out the purpose.

Externally, ownership data may be shared with the Police and Fire Service in connection with regulatory enforcement action.

We may also share information with our corporate safety officer when our staff safety is viewed as being at risk. Information may also be shared with partner agencies during safeguarding investigations and for fraud identification and prevention.

Your personal information will be stored securely and will not be accessible to anyone else, including other services within the Council, unless detailed above.

### Retention

All your personal information will be held by us only for as long as is necessary and then in accordance with any legal requirements imposed upon us and the Council's retention schedule. For more information please go to our website to view our [Retention schedule](#)

## **Transferring personal information outside of the EU**

Your personal information will not be transferred outside the EU or to any international organisations by the Council. It should be noted that the Council has no control over those accessing its online public registers nor what someone does with any information they obtain from them.

## **Your rights**

Whatever our use of your personal information you have the right of access to that personal information (this means confirmation that we are using your personal information, access to it as well as other detail) and the right to seek rectification if the information is inaccurate.

As we are processing your personal data on the basis of public task and legal obligation, you have the right to object and to restrict processing.

Also, if you object to our use of your personal information and there is no overriding legitimate interest for us to continue using it or we have used your personal information unlawfully or it is no longer necessary for us to have the personal information, the right to erasure is also available to you.

Details on each of these rights and to how you exercise can be found on our website in the [Your Rights](#) pages.

## **Complaints**

If you are dissatisfied with the way the Council has used your personal information then you may wish in the first instance to make a complaint to the Data Protection Officer. This can be done by;

Writing to: Data Protection Officer, East Devon District Council, Blackdown House, Border Road, Honiton EX14 1EJ

You can also email: [dataprotection@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection@eastdevon.gov.uk) or call 01395 517417.

Alternatively, or if you remain dissatisfied following your complaint to the Data Protection Officer, you may lodge a complaint with The Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner is the UK's independent body set up to uphold information rights. The ICO can help and advise you on all matters relating to data protection.

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113

Email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)