

Data Protection Privacy Notice

Service: Countryside and Leisure
Team: Trees
Processing activity: Protected tree investigations

The Data Controller

East Devon District Council's Leisure and Countryside Service
Address: Knowle, Station Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8HL.
Contactable by emailing countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk or by calling 01395 517557.

The Data Protection Officer

Contactable by emailing dataprotection@eastdevon.gov.uk

Use of your personal information

We are using your personal information for the purpose of investigating an enquiry about the protected status of a tree and on the basis of public task and our legal obligation under the Town and Country Planning Act, Town and Country Planning Regulations, Wildlife and Countryside Act, Countryside and Rights of Way Act and Hedgerow Regulations.

The personal information we process will be your name, address and contact details. This data will have been provided to us by a complainant or land ownership details may be obtained from Land Registry.

Who will receive or see my personal information?

Your personal information will be available to be seen by those within the relevant service and within support services (such as the Legal and Finance Teams and third party payment handler) where necessary to carry out the purpose and will be provided to the following;

When carrying out our enforcement investigations, information may be shared with our Development Management Service and, externally, with the Police Wildlife Liaison Officer and with the Forestry Commission.

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](#)

You may withdraw your consent at any time by emailing countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk

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.

Because we are using your information on the basis of public task and legal obligation, you have the right to object and 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, Information and Complaints, East Devon District Council, Blackdown House, Border Road, Honiton EX10 9AL.

You can also email: 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