



Marine Management Organisation

Privacy Notice

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The Marine Management Organisation is the controller for the personal data we collect. Our [personal information charter](#) explains more about what you can expect when we process your personal data, your rights, and how to contact us or make a complaint.

MMO BYELAW CONSULTATIONS PRIVACY NOTICE

This privacy notice tells you what to expect us to do with your personal information when MMO collects it in relation to representations made about draft MMO marine nature conservation byelaws.

Purpose for processing – why we are collecting your personal data

MMO collects information:

- to review, consider and respond to representations you have made about draft MMO marine nature conservation byelaws

What personal data is collected

MMO collects the following information:

- Name
- Email address
- Address
- Telephone number

How your personal data has been obtained

MMO obtains this data directly from your representations.

Why we are able to process your personal data

The lawful basis for processing your data is that it is necessary for us to perform a task in the public interest or for our official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law, Section 130 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. This task is the review, consideration and response to representations about draft MMO marine nature conservation byelaws.

Consent to process your personal data

The processing of your personal data is not based on consent. You cannot withdraw it.

Who we share your personal data with

Your personal data may be shared by us with the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, who are responsible, on behalf of the Secretary of State, for deciding whether or not to confirm MMO marine nature conservation byelaws.

We will only share your personal data where we are legally permitted to do so.

MMO respects your personal privacy when responding to access to information requests. We only share information when necessary to meet the statutory requirements of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

How long we are keeping your personal data

MMO will keep your personal data collected under this privacy notice for seven years in line with our retention policy.

Please refer to our [Personal Information Charter](#) and the section 'How long we will keep data' for information on any potential exceptions.

Use of automated decision-making or profiling

The personal data you provide is not used for:

- automated decision making (making a decision by automated means without any human involvement)
- profiling (automated processing of personal data to evaluate certain things about an individual)

What happens if you do not provide the personal data

Failure to provide this information will mean that we may not be able to fully consider or respond to your representation.

Transfer of your personal data outside of the United Kingdom

Where necessary, we may transfer or store personal information outside the UK to another country or Crown Dependency that is deemed adequate for data protection purposes. This means that the country or Crown Dependency has equivalent levels of data protection to that of the UK.

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MMO may also in some circumstances transfer data to other countries without an adequacy agreement, having first taken all precautions to ensure that it was safe to do so, complying with the terms of the UK GDPR by making sure [appropriate safeguards](#) are in place.

Where necessary, our data processors may share personal information outside of the UK. When doing so, they comply with the UK GDPR, making sure [appropriate safeguards](#) are in place.

Your rights

Based on the lawful processing above, your individual rights are:

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- The right to be informed
- The right of access
- The right to rectification
- The right to restrict processing
- The right to object
- Rights in relation to automated decision making and profiling

Read our [Personal Information Charter](#) to find out about your rights under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018).

How to contact us or make a complaint

Read our [Personal Information Charter](#) to find our contact details, or how to make a complaint about our use of your personal data.