



Confidentiality of your comments on Planning Applications and the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

Can I prevent the comments I make being made public?

No, the Planning Committee is open to the public and press and any comments you send us will have to be made available for public inspection in order to comply with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

Does this include my personal and sensitive personal data being made public?

Personal data is defined by Article 4 of the GDPR and in summary means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.

Sensitive personal data is defined by the GDPR and includes personal data consisting of information as to;

- racial or ethnic origin
- political opinions
- religious beliefs or other beliefs of a similar nature
- membership of a trade union
- physical, mental health or condition
- sexual life
- convictions or alleged offences
- legal proceedings for any offence alleged or committed including how such proceedings concluded and any sentence of the court

We operate a policy where we routinely redact the following details before making forms and documents available online:

- personal contact details for the applicant – e.g. telephone numbers, email addresses
- signatures
- sensitive personal data
- information agreed to be confidential

Can I include details of third parties' personal and sensitive personal data such as that of my family, friends and neighbours?

Yes, but if you choose to provide sensitive personal details about any other person, in doing so you are explicitly consenting to these details being provided to us. If therefore you choose to provide such details regarding any other person than yourself, you will require the other person's explicit consent before doing so.

Explicit consent is consent which has been freely given by the other person which is specific, following the other person being fully informed of the details about them, you intend to disclose. If you fail to obtain such consent from the other person/s, you risk prosecution and/or fine under the DPA.

Any third parties' personal or sensitive personal data will be redacted as outlined above.