

Project Open Gov Privacy Policy

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Project Open Gov is committed to handling personal data fairly, transparently and securely. This page explains what personal data may be collected through this website, why it is collected, how it is used, and what rights individuals may have in relation to that information.

Who we are

Project Open Gov is an independent public-information website intended to make the UK Parliament and government easier to follow through clear, neutral and accessible public information.

Website: **projectopengov.org**

Privacy contact: **contact@projectopengov.org**

For privacy or data protection enquiries, please use the contact details above.

What personal data may be collected

Project Open Gov keeps personal data collection to a minimum.

If you use the contact form, the site may collect your name, your email address, the content of your message, and any other personal information you choose to include in that message.

If you choose to support the project through the Support page, payment-related information may also be processed. Depending on the payment method and what the payment provider makes available, this may include your name, email address, payment amount, payment status, recurring-support status, and limited transaction reference information.

The site may also process limited technical and security-related information when the website, contact form or Support page is used. This may include IP address, browser or device information, and security signals used to help protect the site against spam, bots, abusive activity, misuse, or payment-related abuse.

How personal data is used

Personal data may be used to receive and review enquiries, feedback, corrections or other messages sent through the contact form, to reply where a response is appropriate, to keep a basic record of correspondence, to protect the website and contact form from spam, bot activity, misuse or other security risks, to administer voluntary support payments, to keep basic bookkeeping and payment records, to respond to support-related queries, and to maintain the security and reliability of the website.

Personal data submitted through the contact form or processed in connection with support payments is not used for advertising or sold to third parties.

Lawful basis

Project Open Gov relies on legitimate interests as the main lawful basis for processing personal data submitted through the contact form and for basic website security.

Those legitimate interests include operating and administering the website, receiving and responding to genuine enquiries, corrections and feedback, protecting the site from spam, bots,

malicious traffic and abuse, and maintaining the security and integrity of the website and its systems.

Where personal data must be kept or disclosed to comply with a legal obligation, that processing may also be carried out on that basis where applicable.

Contact form and spam protection

When you submit the contact form, your message may be processed through website and email systems so that it can be received and reviewed.

The contact form also uses Cloudflare Turnstile to reduce spam and abusive submissions. This may involve the processing of technical and security-related information in order to distinguish likely human users from automated traffic.

Support payments

Project Open Gov offers an optional Support page through which visitors may choose to make a one-off or recurring contribution using PayPal.

Payments are processed by PayPal. Project Open Gov does not receive or store full card or payment-account details on its own website.

If you choose to support the project, Project Open Gov may receive limited payment-related information from PayPal, such as your name, email address, payment amount, payment status, recurring-support status, and limited transaction reference information, to the extent made available for payment administration, bookkeeping, record-keeping, and responding to support-related queries.

Google services used on the site

Project Open Gov intends to use Site Kit by Google only for Search Console and PageSpeed Insights at this stage.

This is intended to help monitor search visibility and site performance. Google Analytics, Tag Manager, AdSense and similar Google marketing or analytics services are not treated as active on the site unless and until they are actually enabled. If those services are added later, this page and the Cookies page will be updated.

Sharing with service providers

Project Open Gov may share personal data only where necessary with service providers that help operate the site. These may include providers for website hosting, domain and DNS services, email services, contact form delivery, spam and bot protection, site security, limited site administration and webmaster tools, and payment processing.

Where support payments are made through the Support page, payment-related information is processed by PayPal in accordance with PayPal's own services and policies.

These providers process information only to the extent reasonably necessary to provide their services.

Personal data may also be disclosed where necessary to comply with a legal obligation, to establish, exercise or defend legal claims, or to protect the rights, safety, security or integrity of the website and its users.

International processing

Some service providers used to operate the website may process personal data outside the UK.

Where this happens, Project Open Gov intends to use providers and arrangements considered appropriate for the operation of the site and its services. As the service providers used may change over time, this section may also be updated from time to time.

How long messages are kept

Contact form messages and related contact details are normally kept for up to 12 months after the last substantive contact.

Information may be kept for longer where this is reasonably necessary, for example to deal with an ongoing enquiry or correspondence, to keep a record of repeated abusive or malicious use of the form, to comply with a legal obligation, or to establish, exercise or defend legal claims.

Information that is no longer needed should be deleted or removed within a reasonable period.

Payment-related records and support-related correspondence are kept for as long as reasonably necessary for payment administration, bookkeeping, record-keeping, and compliance with legal or accounting obligations, and are then deleted or removed within a reasonable period when no longer needed.

Whether you must provide personal data

You do not have to send a message through the contact form.

However, if you choose not to provide the information requested in the form, Project Open Gov may be unable to receive or respond to your message.

Your rights

Depending on the circumstances, you may have rights in relation to your personal data, including the right to request access to personal data held about you, request correction of inaccurate personal data, request deletion of personal data, request restriction of processing, object to processing carried out on the basis of legitimate interests, and request data portability where applicable.

To make a request, please use the contact details given on this page.

If your personal data is processed on the basis of legitimate interests, you have the right to object to that processing in certain circumstances.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office if you believe your personal data has been handled unlawfully.

Cookies and related technologies

This Privacy page explains how personal data is handled.

A separate Cookies page explains the website's use of cookies and similar technologies in more detail, including any essential or security-related cookies used to operate and protect the site, and third-party technologies that may be used on the Support page.

For now, this policy is drafted on the basis that the site is not using Google Analytics or advertising cookies. If that changes, the Cookies page and this Privacy page will be updated accordingly.

Embedded content

Project Open Gov currently uses embedded third-party payment content on the Support page through a PayPal donate button.

That embedded content may involve PayPal scripts or similar technologies being loaded when the Support page is used, and PayPal may collect technical, device, interaction or payment-related information in accordance with its own policies.

If Project Open Gov later embeds other third-party content, those third parties may also collect data about visitors in accordance with their own policies.

Changes to this page

This Privacy page may be updated from time to time to reflect changes to the website, its services, or legal requirements.

The latest version will always be published on this page with the updated date shown at the top.