

WHITTLESEY & DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Data Protection Policy

SCOPE OF THE POLICY

This policy applies to the work of Whittlesey & District IDB (hereafter 'the Board'). The policy sets out the requirements that the Board has to gather personal information for membership purposes and Drainage Rates. The policy details how personal information will be gathered stored and managed in line with data protection principles and the General Data Protection Regulation. The policy is reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Board members to ensure that the Board is compliant. This policy should be read in tandem with the Board's Privacy Policy.

WHY THIS POLICY EXISTS

This data protection policy ensures that the Board:

- Complies with data protection law and follows good practice.
- Protects the rights of members, staff, ratepayers, contractors, consultants.
- Is open about how it stores and processes data.
- Protects itself from the risks of a data breach.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF

- The only people able to access data covered by this policy should be those who need to communicate with or provide a service to the members of the Board, ratepayers and land agents.
- Data should not be shared informally or outside of the Board without the proper consent.
- The Board will provide induction training to committee members and group convenors to help them understand their responsibilities when handling personal data.
- All data should be kept secure, by taking sensible precautions and following the guidelines below.
- Strong passwords must be used and they should never be shared.
- Personal data should not be shared outside of the Board unless with prior consent and/or for specific and agreed reasons.
- Member information should be reviewed and consent refreshed periodically via the membership renewal process or when policy is changed.
- Boards should request help from ADA Office if they are unsure about any aspect of data protection.

DATA PROTECTION PRINCIPLES

The General Data Protection Regulation identifies 8 data protection principles.

- Principle 1 - Personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner
- Principle 2 - Personal data can only be collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes.
- Principle 3 - The collection of personal data must be adequate, relevant and limited to what necessary is compared to the purpose data is collected for.
- Principle 4 – Personal data held should be accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date. Every reasonable step must be taken to ensure that personal data that are inaccurate are erased or rectified without delay.
- Principle 5 – Personal data which is kept in a form which permits identification of individuals shall not be kept for longer than is necessary.
- Principle 6 - Personal data must be processed in accordance with the individuals' rights.

- Principle 7 - Personal data must be processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures.
- Principle 8 - Personal data cannot be transferred to a country or territory outside the European Union unless that country or territory ensures an adequate level of protection for the rights and freedoms of individuals in relation to the processing of personal data.

Lawful, fair and transparent data processing

The Board requests personal information from potential members and members for the purpose of sending communications about their involvement with the Board. The forms used to request personal information will contain a privacy statement informing potential members and members as to why the information is being requested and what the information will be used for. Members will be asked to provide consent for their data to be held and a record of this consent along with member information will be securely held. Board members will be informed that they can, at any time, remove their consent and will be informed as to who to contact should they wish to do so. Once a Board member requests not to receive certain communications this will be acted upon promptly and the member will be informed as to when the action has been taken.

Processed for Specified, Explicit and Legitimate Purposes

Members will be informed as to how their information will be used and the Committee of the Board will seek to ensure that member information is not used inappropriately. Appropriate use of information provided by members will include:

- Communicating with members about the Boards events and activities
- Adding members details to the direct mailing information for ADA.
- Sending members information about Third Age Trust events and activities.
- Communicating with members about their membership and/or renewal of their membership.
- Communicating with members about specific issues that may have arisen during the course of their membership.

The Board will ensure that all are made aware of what would be considered appropriate and inappropriate communication. Inappropriate communication would include sending Board members marketing and/or promotional materials from external service providers.

The Board will ensure that members' information is managed in such a way as to not infringe an individual members rights which include:

- The right to be informed.
- The right of access.
- The right to rectification.
- The right to erasure.
- The right to restrict processing.
- The right to data portability.
- The right to object.

Adequate, Relevant and Limited Data Processing

Members of the Board will only be asked to provide information that is relevant for membership purposes. This will include:

- Name.
- Postal address.
- Email address.
- Telephone number.

Where additional information may be required, such as health-related information, this will be obtained with the specific consent of the member who will be informed as to why this information is required and the purpose that it will be used for.

Where the Board organises a trip that requires next of kin information to be provided, the Board will require the member to gain consent from the identified next of kin. The consent will provide permission for the information to be held for the purpose of supporting and safeguarding the member in question. Were this information to be needed as a one off for a particular trip or event then the information will be deleted once that event or trip has taken place unless it was to be required – with agreement – for a longer purpose.

There may be occasional instances where a members' data needs to be shared with a third party due to an accident or incident involving statutory authorities. Where it is in the best interests of the member or the Board in these instances where the Board has a substantiated concern then consent does not have to be sought from the member.

Accuracy of Data and Keeping Data up to Date

The Board has a responsibility to ensure members' information is kept up to date. Members will be informed to let the Clerk know if any of their personal information changes

Accountability and Governance

The Board are responsible for ensuring that the Board remains compliant with data protection requirements and can evidence that it has. For this purpose, those from whom data is required will be asked to provide written consent. The evidence of this consent will then be securely held as evidence of compliance. The Board shall ensure that new members joining the Committee receive an induction into how data protection is managed within the Board and the reasons for this Committee. The Board will review data protection and who has access to information on a regular basis as well as reviewing what data is held.

Secure Processing

The committee members of the Board have a responsibility to ensure that data is both securely held and processed. This will include:

- Committee members using strong passwords.
- Committee members not sharing passwords.
- Restricting access of sharing member information to those on the Committee who need to communicate with members on a regular basis.
- Using password protection on laptops and PCs that contain or access personal information.
- Using password protection or secure cloud systems when sharing data between committee members and/or group convenors.

Subject Access Request

Board members are entitled to request access to the information that is held by the Board. The request needs to be received in the form of a written request to the Clerk of the Board. On receipt of the request, the request will be formally acknowledged and dealt with within 14 days unless there are exceptional circumstances as to why the request cannot be granted. The Clerk will provide a written response detailing all information held on the member. A record shall be kept of the date of the request and the date of the response.

Data Breach Notification

Were a data breach to occur action shall be taken to minimise the harm by ensuring all committee members are aware that a breach had taken place and how the breach had occurred. The committee shall then seek to rectify the cause of the breach as soon as possible to prevent any further breaches.

If a Board member contacts the Board to say that they feel that there has been a breach by the Board, a committee member will ask the member to provide an outline of their concerns. If the initial contact is by telephone, the committee member will ask the Clerk to follow this up with an email or a letter detailing their concern. The concern will then be investigated by members of the committee who are not in any way implicated in the breach. Where the committee needs support or if the breach is serious they should notify ADA.