



# Huntington Parish Council

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## Subject Access Policy

This policy was adopted by the Parish Council in order to comply with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), in force on 25 May 2018

Data subjects have the right to access personal data held on them by the Council. Details are set out in the Privacy Notice on the Council's website. [www.huntington-chester.co.uk](http://www.huntington-chester.co.uk)

This policy is in place to ensure that internal procedures on handling of SARs are accurate and complied with and includes:

- (1) Responsibilities (who, what)
- (2) Timing
- (3) Changes to data
- (4) Handling requests for rectification, erasure or restriction of processing.

The Council will ensure that personal data is easily accessible at all times in order to ensure a timely response to SARs and that personal data on specific data subjects can be easily filtered.

The Council has implemented standards on responding to SARs.

### Upon receipt of a SAR

- (a) The data subject will be informed who at the Council to contact and an acknowledgement will be given to the request.
- (b) The identity of the data subject will be verified and if needed, any further evidence on the identity of the data subject may be requested.
- (c) The access request will be verified; is it sufficiently substantiated? Is it clear to the data controller what personal data is requested? If not additional information will be requested.
- (d) Requests will be verified as to them being unfounded or excessive (in particular because of their repetitive character); if so, the Council may refuse to act on the request or charge a reasonable fee.
- (e) Receipt of the SAR will be promptly acknowledged and the data subject will be informed of any costs involved in the processing of the SAR.

(f) Whether the Council processes the data requested will be verified. If the Council does not process any data, the data subject will be informed accordingly. At all times, the internal SAR policy will be followed and progress may be monitored.

(g) Data will not be changed as a result of the SAR. Routine changes as part of the processing activities concerned may be permitted.

(h) The data requested will be verified to establish if it involves data on other data subjects. This data will be filtered before the requested data is supplied to the data subject; if data cannot be filtered, other data subjects will be contacted to give consent to the supply of their data as part of the SAR.

## **Responding to a SAR**

(a) The Council will respond to a SAR within one month after receipt of the request:

(i) If more time is needed to respond to complex requests, an extension of another two months is permissible, and this will be communicated to the data subject in a timely manner within the first month;

(ii) if the council cannot provide the information requested, it will inform the data subject on this decision without delay and at the latest within one month of receipt of the request.

(b) If a SAR is submitted in electronic form, any personal data will be preferably provided by electronic means as well.

(c) If data on the data subject is processed, the Council will ensure, as a minimum, the following information in the SAR response:

(i) the purposes of the processing;

(ii) the categories of personal data concerned;

(iii) the recipients or categories of recipients to whom personal data has been or will be disclosed, in particular in third countries or international organisations, including any appropriate safeguards for transfer of data, such as binding corporate rules or EU model clauses

(iv) where possible, the envisaged period for which personal data will be stored, or, if not possible, the criteria used to determine that period;

(v) the existence of the right to request rectification or erasure of personal data or restriction of processing of personal data concerning the data subject or to object to such processing;

(vi) the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO);

(vii) if the data has not been collected from the data subject: the source of such data;

(viii) the existence of any automated decision-making, including profiling and any meaningful information about the logic involved, as well as the significance and the envisaged consequences of such processing for the data subject.

(d) Provide a copy of the personal data undergoing processing.

## **Implementing the Subject Access Requests Policy - Council Checklist on what MUST be done**

On receipt of a subject access request it must be forwarded immediately to the Clerk who will identify whether a request has been made under the Data Protection legislation

1. A member of staff, and as appropriate, councillor, who receives a request to locate and supply personal data relating to a SAR must make a full exhaustive search of the records to which they have access.
2. All the personal data that has been requested must be provided unless an exemption applies. (This will involve a search of emails/recoverable emails, word documents, spreadsheets, databases, systems, removable media (for example, memory sticks, floppy disks, CDs), tape recordings, paper records in relevant filing systems.)
3. A response must be provided within one calendar month after accepting the request as valid.
4. Subject Access Requests must be undertaken free of charge to the requestor unless the legislation permits reasonable fees to be charged.
5. Councillors and Clerk must ensure that they are aware of and follow this guidance.
6. The Council must provide, where necessary, an explanation with the personal data in an "intelligible form", which will include giving an explanation of any codes, acronyms and complex terms. The personal data will be supplied in a permanent form except where the requestor agrees or where it is impossible or would involve undue effort. Agreement may be sought with the requestor that they will view the personal data on screen or inspect files on Council premises. Any exempt personal data will be redacted from the released documents with explanation why that personal data is being withheld.
7. The Council must ensure a request has been received in writing where a data subject is asking for sufficiently well-defined personal data held by the council relating to the data subject. What personal data is needed will be clarified with the requester, who must supply their address and valid evidence to prove their identity. The council accepts the following forms of identification

(\* These documents must be dated in the past 12 months

+ These documents must be dated in the past 3 months):

- Current UK/EEA Passport
- UK Photocard Driving Licence (Full or Provisional)
- Firearms Licence / Shotgun Certificate
- EEA National Identity Card
- Full UK Paper Driving Licence

- State Benefits Entitlement Document\*
- State Pension Entitlement Document\*
- HMRC Tax Credit Document\*
- Local Authority Benefit Document\*
- State/Local Authority Educational Grant Document\*
- HMRC Tax Notification Document
- Disabled Driver's Pass
- Financial Statement issued by bank, building society or credit card company+
- Judiciary Document such as a Notice of Hearing, Summons or Court Order
- Utility bill for supply of gas, electric, water or telephone landline+
- Most recent Mortgage Statement
- Most recent council Tax Bill/Demand or Statement
- Tenancy Agreement
- Building Society Passbook which shows a transaction in the last 3 months and your address

8. Where a requestor is not satisfied with a response to a SAR, the council must manage this as a complaint under the Council's Complaints Policy.

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## Subject Access Request Form

The Data Protection Act gives you the right to apply for a copy of specific information held about you. This is known as a subject access request, (SAR). The policy for how we deal with SARS can be found on our website. [www.huntington-chester.co.uk](http://www.huntington-chester.co.uk)

To help you and to ensure confidentiality, we ask for any request to be made:

- In writing
- With sufficient information to locate the data requested
- With sufficient evidence to confirm your identity

To help us carry out this request, please carefully complete this form, read and sign the declaration and then send the completed form, **along with proof of identity**, to Huntington Parish Council, using the details found at the top of this document.

In order to protect your confidentiality, you will need to supply proof of your identity. Acceptable evidence can be found within our SARs policy.

### Section 1 - Details of the person making the request

Title:

First name(s)

Last name:

Date of birth:

Address:

Daytime Tel No.

Email:

## Section 2 - Information that you are requesting

If you would like to see ALL information held on you, please state this below.

If you would like to see only specific document(s), for example a specific file/form, please describe these below. Please note that if insufficient detail is provided, we may have to come back to you to clarify.

I certify the information on this form is true and correct

Signed:            Date:

If as a result of the search you are dissatisfied with the way we are using your personal information, you should raise the matter with the Data Protection Controller who can be contacted via the address above. We will do everything we can to put the matter right and if we disagree with you we will tell you our reasons. If still unhappy, you should contact the ICO.

The Information Commissioner's Office is the Government department that oversees and enforces FOI. They can be contacted by the following ways:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Phone number: 0303 123 1113

Website: [www.ico.gov.uk/](http://www.ico.gov.uk/)