



**An Roinn Tithíochta,  
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht**  
Department of Housing,  
Local Government and Heritage

***Brú na Bóinne Community Heritage Forum***  
**(Privacy Statement)**

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is the Government Department responsible for housing and water, for physical and spatial planning, for local government, for weather forecasting and for built and natural heritage.

The Department is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. This privacy statement explains how the Department, as the Data Controller, will process the personal data provided to it in respect of the Brú na Bóinne Community Heritage Forum; how that information will be used, and what rights you may exercise in relation to your personal data.

**Categories of personal data**

The Department processes the following personal data in respect of **Brú na Bóinne Community Heritage Forum**:

Name, address, EIRCODE, email address, phone number

**Source of the personal data**

Your personal data was provided to the Department by **the Brú na Bóinne Community Heritage Facilitator and/or the Property Registration Authority**.

**Purposes of the processing**

The Department will use the information provided in order to engage with stakeholders within the Brú na Bóinne World Heritage Property and its buffer zone to organise meetings of the Community Heritage Forum and notify them of relevant issues related to the Brú na Bóinne Community Heritage Forum; such as dates of future meetings or management issues.

The information provided may be used internally for audit or other compliance purposes where the Department has a lawful basis for such processing.

### **Profiling**

The Department will not use any personal data collected from you in respect of the ***Brú na Bóinne Community Heritage Forum*** for automated decision-making, or for profiling purposes.

### **Lawfulness of processing**

This processing of your personal data is lawful under Article 6 (1) (f) Ireland ratified the [1972 World Heritage Convention](#) in 1991 to ensure that our irreplaceable cultural and natural heritage is protected, conserved, and managed for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

The National Monuments Service in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is the Government's focal point, or point of interface with the UNESCO World Heritage Centre and its lead agency for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention in Ireland.

Processing your personal data will assist in carrying out the Strategic Objectives of the Convention a.k.a. the "Five Cs":

1. **Credibility:** Strengthen the Credibility of the World Heritage List, as a representative and geographically balanced testimony of cultural and natural properties of outstanding universal value.
2. **Conservation:** Ensure the effective Conservation of World Heritage properties.
3. **Capacity-building:** Promote the development of effective Capacity-building measures, including assistance for preparing the nomination of properties to the World Heritage List, for the understanding and implementation of the World Heritage Convention and related instruments.
4. **Communication:** Increase public awareness, involvement and support for World Heritage through communication.
5. **Communities:** Enhance the role of communities in the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.

### **Security of your personal data**

The Department implements appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect your information from unauthorised access. However, despite these efforts, no security measures are perfect or impenetrable, and no method of data transmission can be guaranteed against any interception or other type of misuse. In the event that your personal data is compromised as a result of a breach of security, the Department's Breach Management policy and procedures will be implemented.

### **Recipients of the data**

Personal data may be shared with other Government Departments, local authorities, agencies under the aegis of the Department, or other public bodies, in certain circumstances where this is provided for by law.

**Due to their involvement in the Brú na Bóinne Community Heritage Forum personal data may be shared with the Community Heritage Facilitator who is employed as a data processor by the Department.**

### **Cross-border Data Transfers**

The Department will not transfer personal data collected in respect of *the Brú na Bóinne Community Heritage Forum* to any country or international organisation outside the EU/EEA.

### **How long will your data be kept?**

The Department will only retain your personal data for as long as it is necessary for the purposes for which it was collected and processed. In line with legislative and business requirements, the data retention period for your personal data, in this instance, is for as ***long as you wish to engage with the forum.***

### **Your rights**

The Department's [Data Protection Policy](#), which sets out how we will use your personal data, as well as providing information regarding your rights as a data subject (including details regarding right of access, right to rectification, right to erasure, right to restriction of processing, right to object), is available on our website. The policy is also available in hard copy upon request. If you consider that your rights have been infringed, you have the right

to complain to the Irish Data Protection Commission ([www.dataprotection.ie](http://www.dataprotection.ie)), and you have the right to seek a judicial remedy.

### **Contacting Us**

The Department is the Data Controller when processing your personal data for the purposes outlined above. The Department's contact details are available at: <https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/839bc-contact-the-department-of-housing-local-government-and-heritage/>

The Department has appointed a Data Protection Officer to support its compliance with data protection law. The contact details for the Department's Data Protection Officer are:

Data Protection Officer

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Newtown Road

Wexford

Email: [data.protection@housing.gov.ie](mailto:data.protection@housing.gov.ie)

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