

Eelscapes privacy notice

YOUR DATA PROTECTION RIGHTS

Who we are

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, WWT and the Environment Agency are working together on a government funded project called Eelscapes. We are working in the River Severn valley, in the Gloucester and Tewkesbury area, to create a plan to help the endangered European eel and to improve wetland habitats and people's access to nature. We are currently in the development phase which runs to June 2025. If this phase is successful the project will run until at least 2045. We need to collect your data to help us understand how these areas are already used and what the Eelscapes project can do to improve your access to the area in the future.

How we collect and use your personal information

Defra is the data controller and the Eelscapes project is the data processor for the personal data processed as part of reporting on Landscape Recovery. The legal basis for processing personal data is the Agricultural Act 2020 (Section 6).

All data collected as part of this reporting process, will remain anonymous. Anonymous information may be used by Defra or Natural England for research and evaluation purposes to measure the impact of the scheme and meet reporting requirements. This anonymous data may be shared through reports, presentations, webinars, web pages and social media. You will not be identifiable in this information.

How long we will keep your personal data

Eelscapes will only keep the personal data for as long as needed for the purpose of reporting to Defra, after which point it will be securely destroyed.

In compliance with Data Protection legislation, Defra or Natural England may keep anonymous information, for longer periods of time if it is processed purely for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research and statistical purposes. Where data is not being processed for these purposes, Defra or Natural England will store data for up to three years, after which point it will be securely destroyed.

Your data protection rights and how we protect your personal information

Your rights are set out in the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which is designed to protect and support the personal data rights for all in the UK. These include:

- **the right to be informed** about who is collecting and processing your data (we set this out above);
- **the right of access**, to understand what information about you is being used and how;

- **the right to withdraw consent** – you can ask us to delete your personal information at any time and no longer be included in the interview; and
- **the right to complain** if you are unhappy with how your data has been processed.

The data will be stored on internal servers at Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, WWT managed by project. This may include personal information such as your name, job title and organisation where you work. Only a small number of people will have access to this data. Your personal data will not be shared with anyone else outside of the project team and it will be securely destroyed at the end of the development phase or after three years if we are successful in moving into the implementation phase.

Defra or Natural England will store anonymised data securely on internal servers.

Relevant Defra staff, working on evaluating, improving and reporting on the agri-environment schemes will have access to this anonymous information. Defra may also share this data with Natural England and the Environment Agency who administer the scheme; external contractors who monitor and evaluate; other agencies within Defra like the Forestry Commission ([you can view a full list of agencies within the Defra group](#)). In the event that Natural England become Accounting Officer for the Landscape Recovery scheme Implementation phase, data may be submitted directly to Natural England rather than via Defra

No personal data will be disclosed to any other party outside the Defra group without the data subjects' explicit consent.

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Eelscapes and Defra group will not move or share information about you outside the UK and it will be held securely at all times. If there are any problems with our handling of your data, we will notify you and the organisation that is responsible for regulating this where we are legally required to do so.

There are other rights not listed here and exemptions may apply. For more details see here: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-reform/overview-of-the-gdpr/individuals-rights/> or contact our Data Protection Officer at dpo@ecorys.com.

How to contact us

If you have any concerns or questions about the use of your data please contact the project lead: Ashley White Ashley.White@wwt.org.uk

If you would like to contact Defra, please contact landscaperecovery@defra.gov.uk.

For more information or to exercise your data protection rights you can also contact Defra's Data Protection Officer at data.protection@defra.gov.uk.

Your right to complain

If you are unhappy about how your personal data has been used, please contact us. You can also contact the Information Commissioner's Officer via their website at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or at www.ico.org.uk/concerns