



COULSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Subject Access Request Policy



ADOPTED: 01.09.2026 FOR REVIEW: MAY 2027

Subject Access Request Policy & Procedure

Upon receipt of a Subject Access Request (SAR) the Parish Council will:

- Verify whether the Parish Council is the controller of the data subject's personal data. If it is not a controller, but merely a processor, the Proper Officer of the Parish Council will inform the data subject and refer them to the actual controller.
- Verify the identity of the data subject; requesting any further evidence on the identity of the data subject, if required.
- Verify the access request; is it sufficiently substantiated? Is it clear to the data controller what personal data is requested? If not: request additional information.
- Verify whether requests are unfounded or excessive (in particular because of their repetitive character); if so, the Parish Council may refuse to act on the request or charge a reasonable fee.
- Promptly acknowledge receipt of the SAR and inform the data subject of any costs involved in the processing of the SAR.
- Verify whether the Parish Council processes the data requested. If it does not process any data, inform the data subject accordingly. At all times make sure the SAR policy is followed and progress can be monitored.
- Ensure data will not be changed as a result of the SAR. Routine changes as part of the processing activities concerned are permitted.
- Verify whether the data requested also involves data on other data subjects and make sure this data is filtered before the requested data is supplied to the data subject; if data cannot be filtered, ensure that other data subjects have consented to the supply of their data as part of the SAR.

Responding to a Subject Access Request

The Parish Council will respond to a SAR within one month after receipt of the request. If more time is needed to respond to complex requests, an extension of another two months is permissible, provided this is communicated to the data subject in a timely manner within the first month.

If the Parish Council cannot provide the information requested, it should inform the data subject on this decision without delay and at the latest within one month of receipt of the request. If a SAR is submitted in electronic form, any personal data should preferably be provided by electronic means as well.

If data on the data subject is processed, the Parish Council will make sure to include as a minimum the following information in the SAR response:

- the purposes of the processing and the categories of personal data concerned;
- 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;

- where possible, the envisaged period for which personal data will be stored, or, if not possible, the criteria used to determine that period;
- 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;
- the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioners Office (“ICO”);
- if the data has not been collected from the data subject: the source of such data;
- 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.