

Jigsaw Real Estate & Surveyors – Privacy Notice

Jigsaw Real Estate is a Real Estate business committed to ensuring that your privacy is protected, and our use of your personal information is governed by this Privacy Notice. On this site which collect and use your information in the manner set out in this Privacy Notice. Any reference to “you” or “your” refers to anyone whose personal information we process.

1. Introduction

Our use of your personal data will be governed by this Privacy Notice.

Jigsaw is a controller for the personal information that it collects and uses about you. We will treat your personal information as confidential and in accordance with applicable data protection legislation and your personal information will only be shared with others in accordance with this Privacy Notice.

This Privacy Notice explains;

What personal information is

How we collect your personal information

The types of personal information we collect

How we use your personal information

The legal basis for processing your personal information

How we share your personal information

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How to make complaints and how to contact us

If there are any changes to the way in which your personal information is used, this Privacy Notice will be updated.

2. What is personal information

Personal information is any information that tells us something about you. This could include information such as name, contact details, date of birth, bank account details or any information about your needs or circumstances which would allow us to identify you.

Some personal information is classified as "special" data under data protection legislation. This includes information relating to health, racial or ethnic origin, religious beliefs or political opinions and sexual orientation. This information is more sensitive and we need to have further justifications for collecting, storing and using this type of personal information. There are also additional restrictions on the circumstances in which we are permitted to collect and use criminal conviction data

Any references to personal information in this privacy notice will include personal data, and where relevant, special categories of personal data.

3. What personal information do we collect?

We will collect your full name and contact details (such as phone number, email address and postal address) from you whenever you engage with us.

In addition, if we are providing a service to you, or on your behalf, where we are required to do so by law, we will collect information relating to your identity, which will be at least one form of photographic identification (such as a passport, a driving licence or an identification card) and one form of documentation with proof of your place of residence (such as a recent utility bill).

We will also confirm whether you have any relatives or close connections working at Jigsaw Real Estate so that we can consider potential conflict of interests and if identified how to manage these, in accordance with our statutory and regulatory obligations.

Depending on the service that we provide to you (or on your behalf) we may also collect additional personal information as detailed below;

Buy, Sell, Let, Rent

If you are buying, selling or letting a property through us;

We will collect a contact telephone number to get in touch with you about organising viewings and updating you on any offers received or rental applications for your property.

Where you have enquired about buying a specific property, we will use your contact details to respond which may include us sending you alternative properties to help with your search.

Where you are not the legal owner of the property we will request details from you as to your ability to sell or let the property such as a Power of Attorney, Guardianship Order or Grant of Probate.

Where you engage with Jigsaw Real Estate, we may collect information required to identify you to meet anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing requirements. If we are dealing with an entity such as a company, trust or charity, we may need to obtain personal information for the beneficiaries of the entity and those in a position of control. This will include, but is not limited to, identity and address documents. We may also need to collect information on other individuals who have an interest in the property who are not considered to be our customers.

We will collect your bank account details to arrange onward payment of rent due to you.

Where we are working alongside third parties such as solicitors, developers, joint or multi agents, we may need to share these documents on the basis of legitimate interests.

If you wish to purchase a property we are listing for sale where you have specifically provided us with these, we will collect personal information relating to any specific access requirements you may have in relation to a property so that we can find a property that is suitable for your needs. We will also collect personal information required to source a property for you and, where required, negotiate the purchase of a property on your behalf.

If you wish to rent a property, we are listing:

Where you have enquired about renting a specific property, we will use your contact details to respond which may include us sending you alternative properties to help with your search specific access requirements so that we can find a property that is suitable for your needs

Your bank / building / similar account details to allow us to manage an approved tenancy deposit account for you and to set up your rental payments.

If you are a tenant renting under the 'Right to Rent' scheme we will collect details of your Biometric residence card, your immigration status document and/or your birth certificate to carry out our required checks under this scheme.

We may also need to collect specific identity documents from you for the purpose of preventing and detecting crime, fraud or money laundering.

Property Management

- Where we engage with you to manage property on your behalf, we will ask for additional emergency contact information in case we need to get in touch with you outside of working hours or in the event there is a matter requiring your urgent attention.
- Where you engage us for portfolio management services, we will share your personal information with third party lenders as is necessary to allow us to fulfil our obligations to you and to properly manage and advise you on your property investments.
- Where you are a tenant in a building managed by Jigsaw Real Estate, we may need to share your personal information with the property owner but will only do so where we have considered your own rights first.
- Where we operate CCTV in a property, we may capture your image which would constitute your personal data.

Other

If you subscribe to receive research, news or other market updates from us, then in addition to the above we will collect details about the sector in which you work and the type of content that you would like to receive.

4. How we use your personal information

What is the legal basis of our data processing?

Under data protection legislation we are only permitted to use your personal information if we have a legal basis for doing so. We rely on the following legal bases to use your information.

For employment-related purposes where we need information to perform the contract, we have entered into with you where we need to comply with a legal obligation.

Where the processing is necessary for us to carry out activities for which it is in Jigsaw Real Estate legitimate interests (or those of a third party) to do so and provided that your interests and fundamental rights do not override those interests, including:

Processing that is necessary for us to promote our business, brands and products and measure the reach and effectiveness of our campaigns – this will include sending you marketing information from

time to time after you have engaged us to provide services or received services from us either which may be similar and of interest to you or where you have expressly indicated that you would like to receive such information. You have the right to opt out of receiving this information at any time.

Processing that is necessary to improve our knowledge of the real estate sector – this will include undertaking market analysis and research so that we better understand trends in the property sector and provide better knowledge along with more tailored and relevant services for our customers in the future.

Processing necessary for us to operate the administrative and technical aspects of our business efficiently and effectively – this will include verifying the accuracy of information that we hold about you and create a better understanding of you as a customer; processing for administrative efficiency purposes such as where we outsource certain administrative functions to third parties who are specialise in such services; processing for network and information security purposes i.e. in order for us to take steps to protect your information against loss, damage, theft or unauthorised access or to comply with a request from you in connection with the exercise of any of your rights outlined below.

In more limited circumstances we may also rely on the following legal bases:

Where we need to protect your interests (or someone else's interests); and/or

Where it is needed in the public interest or for official purposes

We may process special categories of personal information and criminal conviction information in the following limited circumstances:

With your explicit consent, in which case we will explain the purpose for which the information will be used at the point where we ask for your consent.

Specific information on how your personal information will be used for the services you have requested from us is provided below.

Buy, Sell, Let, Rent

We use your personal information for the purposes of fulfilling our obligations to you to let or sell your property or, if you are a buyer or tenant, for the purposes of arranging viewings, obtaining feedback, and arranging a contract for sale or a lease for you.

We will use your personal information to conduct due diligence in accordance with other legal or regulatory obligations.

We will share your personal information with your appointed solicitors and the solicitors and agents acting for the other side of the deal as is necessary to facilitate the sale or purchase. We may also share your personal information with joint or multi agents or developers.

We will share your personal data with third party referencing agencies for the purposes of the prevention and detection of crime, fraud and/or money laundering and checking your suitability to rent that property. In such circumstances, the third-party referencing agency may act as a data controller for your information.

Property Management

Where we are managing property on your behalf, we may need to pass your personal information from time to time on to third party contractors whom we have engaged to carry out maintenance on your properties.

We operate CCTV in properties based on our legitimate interest in protecting the property and ensuring the safety of visitors, tenants and clients, as well as to assist with the prevention and detection of crime.

Investment

Where you engage us for portfolio management services, we will share your personal information with third party lenders as is necessary to allow us to fulfil our obligations to you, to raise finance for you and to properly manage and advise you on your property investments.

Finance

We may pass your personal data to an independent company with which Jigsaw Real Estate has a “preferred supplier” relationship, on a referral basis in relation to the arrangement of financing to allow you to acquire a property and/or the provision of the following services:

if you are purchasing a property under the Help to Buy scheme, we will disclose information which needs to be provided to the scheme operators to check your eligibility and to allow you to participate in and obtain benefits from the scheme.

if you are obtaining mortgage brokerage services, we will disclose personal information that needs to be submitted lenders (and if you are a high value mortgage customer, private banks) to fulfil our obligations to seek funding options for you.

if you are an insurance customer, we will disclose information to be sent to a selected panel of insurance providers to obtain suitable options for insurance products for your requirements.

Other uses of your personal information

If we sell any part of our business and/or integrate it with another organisation your details may be disclosed to our advisers and to prospective purchasers or joint venture partners and their advisers. If this occurs the new owners of the business will only be permitted to use your information in the same or similar way as set out in this privacy notice.

We will share personal information with our regulators, governmental or quasi-governmental organisations, law enforcement authorities and with courts, tribunals and arbitrators as may be required from time to time to comply with our regulatory and legal obligations.

Where we use third party services providers who process personal information on our behalf to provide services to us. This includes IT systems providers and IT contractors as well as third party referencing or screening agencies for the purposes of the prevention and detection of crime.

We may share your personal information with any person working within the Jigsaw Real Estate Group on a need-to-know basis to ensure we are able to perform our obligations to you.

We will hold your personal information on our client management systems and use this to provide you with marketing information about similar services offered by Jigsaw Real Estate to those which

you have engaged us to provide which we feel you might find useful from time to time. You have the opportunity to opt out of receiving this information at any time.

What happens if you do not provide information that we request?

We need some of your personal information to perform the services you have requested from us. For example:

where we are selling a property on your behalf, we need to know your contact information so that we can update you with information on viewings, offers and the progress of the sale; and

where you have asked us to find you a property which meets certain access requirements, we may need to know some further details about your circumstances so that we can find you a suitable property.

We also need some information so that we can comply with our legal obligations. For example, we may need identity documents from you to meet our obligations to prevent fraud and money laundering.

If you do not provide the information required for these purposes, we will not be able to perform our contract with you and may not be able to provide services to you or continue to provide certain services to you. We will explain when this is the case at the point where we collect information from you.

5. How we keep your information secure

The security of information is very important to us, and we have measures in place which are designed to prevent unauthorised access to your personal information including but not limited to:

Our client files are stored on our secure client management systems. Access is restricted on our client systems to those within the business who are required to have access to your information for legitimate business purposes.

Hard copy documentation is stored securely in a locked office.

All data is hosted in datacentres which have systems and protections in place to protect against both unauthorised access, and other external factors that could cause damage to, your personal data. There are strict access requirements in place and access is restricted to those necessary.

We ensure access to personal information is restricted to Jigsaw Real Estate employees and workers or other persons working within the Jigsaw Real Estate business or company thereof on a need-to-know basis. Training is provided to any of those Jigsaw Real Estate employees and workers who need access to personal information.

6. For how long we keep your personal information

The period for which we will keep your personal information will depend on the type of service you have requested from us. The retention period may be longer than the period for which we are providing services to you where we have statutory or regulatory obligations to retain personal information for a longer period, or where we may need to retain the information in case of a legal claim.

7. Your rights in relation to your personal information

You have several rights in relation to your personal information, including the right to:

Be informed about how we use your personal information.

Obtain access to your personal information that we hold.

Request that your personal information is corrected if you believe it is incorrect, incomplete or inaccurate.

Request that we erase your personal information in the following circumstances:

If Jigsaw Real Estate is continuing to process personal information beyond the period when it is necessary to do so for the purpose for which it was originally collected

If Jigsaw Real Estate is relying on consent as the legal basis for processing and you withdraw consent

If Jigsaw Real Estate is relying on legitimate interests as the legal basis for processing and you object to this processing and there is no overriding compelling ground which enables us to continue with the processing.

If the personal information has been processed unlawfully (i.e. in breach of the requirements of the data protection legislation)

If it is necessary to delete the personal information to comply with a legal obligation

Ask us to restrict our data processing activities where you consider that:

personal information is inaccurate.

our processing of your personal information is unlawful.

where we no longer need the personal information, but you require us to keep it to enable you to establish, exercise or defend a legal claim

where you have raised an objection to our use of your personal information

Request a copy of certain personal information that you have provided to us in a commonly used electronic format. This right relates to personal information that you have provided to us that we need to perform our agreement with you and personal information where we are relying on consent to process your personal information.

Object to our processing of your personal information where we are relying on legitimate interests or exercise of a public interest task to make the processing lawful. If you raise an objection, we will carry out an assessment to determine whether we have an overriding legitimate ground which entitles us to continue to process your personal information; and

Not be subject to wholly automated decisions which produce legal effects, or which could have a similarly significant effect on you.

If you would like to exercise any of your rights, please contact headoffice@jigsawsurevyors.co.uk addressing your email to **The Data Protection Officer**.

Please note that we will keep a record of the fact that you have made a request to exercise your rights, and our response to your request, to demonstrate compliance with our data protection obligations

and so that we can handle any queries, complaints or claims in relation to your request. This record will be kept in accordance with our retention policies at section 6 above.

9. Complaints and Contact Details

Complaints

If you have any complaints about the way, we use your personal information please contact the Customer Relations Officer at headoffice@jigsawsurveyors.co.uk who will try to resolve the issue. If we cannot resolve any issue, you have the right to complain to the data protection authority in your country (the Information Commissioner in the UK). If you need more information about how to contact your local data protection authority, please let us know by contacting us as above.

Contact details

If you have any questions, comments or requests regarding any aspect of this Privacy Policy, please do not hesitate to contact us by sending an email to headoffice@jigsawsurveyors.co.uk for the attention of the **Data Protection Officer** or writing to the Data Protection Officer, Jigsaw Real Estate, Clavering House, Clavering Place, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 3NG

10. The use of cookies by Jigsaw Real Estate

What is a cookie?

A cookie is a small text file that is downloaded onto your computer when you visit certain websites and allows a website to recognise a user's computer. Cookies are used to help users navigate websites more efficiently and to perform certain functions, as well as to provide information to the owners of the website.

What cookies do Jigsaw Real Estate use?

When browsing our website, cookies that are strictly necessary for the performance and function of the website are automatically utilised. We will only utilise non-essential cookies if you have provided us with consent to do so by selecting 'Allow all cookies' in the cookies banner.

Some of the cookies we use are essential for parts of the website to operate and have already been set. You may delete and block all cookies from this website, but please be aware that restricting or deleting cookies may impact on the functionality of the website.

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