

Mid Sussex District Council Privacy Notice: ANPR

Use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Cameras in Council Car Parks

Mid Sussex District Council uses Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology in selected council-operated car parks to help manage parking, improve customer services and support the efficient operation of our parking facilities.

Who We Are

Mid Sussex District Council is the data controller for personal information processed through our ANPR systems.

Contact details:

Data Protection Officer

Mid Sussex District Council

Email: dataprotection@midsussex.gov.uk

Website: [Your Data - Mid Sussex District Council](#)

What Information We Collect

The ANPR system records:

- Vehicle Registration Marks (VRMs)
- Date and time of entry to a car park
- Date and time of exit from a car park
- Images of vehicles entering and exiting the site
- Information associated with parking sessions where applicable

Where data is subsequently anonymised or converted into a non-identifiable format, it will no longer be capable of identifying individual motorists.

Why We Use ANPR

We process this information to:

- Manage the operation of council car parks.
- Monitor compliance with parking terms and conditions.
- Identify vehicles which may not have a valid parking session.
- Support civil parking enforcement activities.

- Improve traffic flow and customer experience within car parks.
- Analyse car park usage and occupancy levels.
- Plan and improve parking services.

Lawful Basis for Processing

The Council processes ANPR data under Article 6(1)(e) of the UK GDPR, namely that processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the Council.

Where ANPR data is used for enforcement purposes, processing may also be necessary for compliance with legal obligations placed upon the Council.

How Long We Keep Information

Personal data collected through the ANPR system will be retained only for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes outlined above.

Retention periods may vary depending on whether the information is required for:

- Parking enforcement investigations.
- Appeals or disputes.
- Prevention or detection of fraud.
- Legal proceedings.

Where possible, vehicle registration information may be anonymised or transformed into non-identifiable statistical information which can be retained for longer periods for service planning and analytical purposes.

Who We Share Information With

We may share ANPR information where necessary with:

- Council officers responsible for parking management and enforcement.
- Our approved ANPR technology providers acting on our instructions.
- Enforcement contractors acting on behalf of the Council.
- Law enforcement agencies where we are legally required or permitted to do so.
- Courts, tribunals or regulatory bodies where required by law.

We do not sell ANPR data to third parties.

Security of Your Information

We take appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect personal information against unauthorised access, disclosure, loss or misuse.

The Council undertakes privacy and security assessments of new technologies and systems used to process personal information.

Your Rights

Under UK data protection law you have rights which may include:

- The right to be informed.
- The right of access to your personal data.
- The right to request rectification of inaccurate data.
- The right to request erasure in certain circumstances.
- The right to restrict processing in certain circumstances.
- The right to object to processing carried out in the public interest.

Some rights may be limited where exemptions apply.

Complaints

If you have concerns about how your information is being used, please contact the Council's Data Protection Officer in the first instance.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO):

- Website: www.ico.org.uk
- Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Further Information

Clear signage is displayed at participating car parks to inform motorists that ANPR technology is in operation. By entering these car parks, vehicle registration information may be captured and processed for the purposes described in this notice.