



## Cookie Policy

Galway County Council's consultation platform, referred to as, the "platform", uses cookies. Cookies are small text files that can be used by websites to make a user's experience more efficient.

The General Data Protection Regulation states that we can store cookies on your device if they are strictly necessary for the operation of the platform. For all other types of cookies we need your permission.

You consent to our necessary cookies if you continue to use our website.

This platform uses different types of cookies. All cookies and their functions are listed below. You can opt out of cookies that are not necessary for the functioning of the platform. If you do not wish to use Necessary Cookies then you must refrain from using the platform.

You can at any time opt-in or withdraw your consent from non-essential cookies by clicking on the options provided in Privacy Settings.

Learn more about who we are, how you can contact us and how we process personal data in our ***Privacy Policy***.

## Types of cookies we use

The platform uses two types of cookies: necessary cookies and statistic cookies.

Necessary cookies are session cookies, meaning that they stay are not persistently stored on your computer or mobile device. Session cookies are used to deliver basic functions of a website while you are actively using it. Session cookies are generally erased when you close your browser.

### ***Necessary***

Necessary cookies help make a website usable by enabling basic functions like page navigation and access to secure areas of the website. The website cannot function properly without these cookies.

| Name                                  | Provider | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                          | Type        |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Session cookies starting with 'SSESS' |          | Preserves users states across page requests. Does not collect any personal information                                                                                           | HTTP Cookie |
| has_js                                |          | Stores information about user browser has Javascript enabled.                                                                                                                    | HTTP Cookie |
| cookie-agreed                         |          | Contains user consent on accepting all cookies.                                                                                                                                  | HTTP Cookie |
| JSESSIONID                            |          | Helps us to monitor performance of application with collecting performance metrics. This cookie stores a session identifier for New Relic which provides performance monitoring. | HTTP Cookie |

## ***Statistics***

The platform uses Matomo (Piwik) third party service provider who provide analytics services. Matomo (Piwik) uses statistics cookies which are placed on your device in order to deliver their services to track statistics of clicks on links, page visits and downloads. It doesn't collect any personal data as user session or IP is not shared with Matomo (Piwik) services, but provided as anonymized statistical data to help us improve our application. These are outlined below.

| Name                                       | Provider | Purpose                                                                                                                     | Type        |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| "_pk_id"                                   |          | Used to store the unique visitor ID, Cookie Creation Timestamp, Visit Count, Current Visit Timestamp, Last Visit Timestamp. | HTTP Cookie |
| "_pk_ref"                                  |          | Used to store the attribution information, the referrer initially used to visit the website                                 | HTTP Cookie |
| "_pk_ses"<br>"_pk_cvar"<br>"_pk__pk_hsrse" |          | Short-lived cookies used to temporarily store data for the visit                                                            | HTTP Cookie |
| "_pk_testcookie"                           |          | Used to check whether the visitor's browser supports cookies                                                                | HTTP Cookie |
| "mtm_consent"<br>"mtm_consent_removed"     |          | Are created to remember that consent was given (or removed) by the user.                                                    | HTTP Cookie |
| "mtm_cookie_consent"                       |          | Is created to remember that consent for storing and using cookies was given by the user.                                    | HTTP Cookie |

The platform does not use Marketing cookies for marketing purposes. Marketing cookies are used to track visitors across websites. For more information on our cookie policy email: [general@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:general@galwaycoco.ie) .

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