



## **Data Protection Policy**

### **1. Introduction**

This Policy sets out the obligations of AJK Woodflooring Ltd, a company registered in England and Wales under number 03966251, whose registered office is at 103 Crane Mead, Ware, Hertfordshire SG12 9PY ("the Company") regarding data protection and the rights of clients and staff ("data subjects") in respect of their personal data under EU Regulation 2016/679 General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR").

The GDPR defines "personal data" as any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (a "data subject"); an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier, or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural, or social identity of that natural person.

This Policy sets the Company's obligations regarding the collection, processing, transfer, storage, and disposal of personal data. The procedures and principles set out herein must be followed at all times by the Company, its employees, agents, contractors, or other parties working on behalf of the Company.

The Company is committed not only to the letter of the law, but also to the spirit of the law and places high importance on the correct, lawful, and fair handling of all personal data, respecting the legal rights, privacy, and trust of all individuals with whom it deals.

### **2. The Data Protection Principles**

This Policy aims to ensure compliance with the GDPR. The GDPR sets out the following principles with which any party handling personal data must comply. All personal data must be:

- 2.1 Processed lawfully, fairly, and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject.
- 2.2 Collected for specified, explicit, and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes. Further processing for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes shall not be considered to be incompatible with the initial purposes.
- 2.3 Adequate, relevant, and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which it is processed.
- 2.4 Accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date. Every reasonable step must be taken to ensure that personal data that is inaccurate, having regard to the purposes for which it is processed, is erased, or rectified without delay.
- 2.5 Kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data is processed. Personal data may be stored for longer periods insofar as the personal data will be processed solely for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes, or statistical purposes, subject to implementation of the appropriate technical and organisational measures required by the GDPR in order to safeguard the rights and freedoms of the data subject.

- 2.6 Processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction, or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures.

### 3. **The Rights of Data Subjects**

The GDPR sets out the following rights applicable to data subjects (please refer to the parts of this policy indicated for further details):

- 3.1 The right to be informed (Part 12).
- 3.2 The right of access (Part 13);
- 3.3 The right to rectification (Part 14);
- 3.4 The right to erasure (also known as the 'right to be forgotten') (Part 15);
- 3.5 The right to restrict processing (Part 16);
- 3.6 The right to data portability (Part 17);
- 3.7 The right to object (Part 18); and
- 3.8 Rights with respect to automated decision-making and profiling (Parts 19 and 20).

### 4. **Lawful, Fair, and Transparent Data Processing**

- 4.1 The GDPR seeks to ensure that personal data is processed lawfully, fairly, and transparently, without adversely affecting the rights of the data subject. The GDPR states that processing of personal data shall be lawful if at least one of the following applies:
  - 4.1.1 The data subject has given consent to the processing of their personal data for one or more specific purposes;
  - 4.1.2 The processing is necessary for the performance of a contract to which the data subject is a party, or in order to take steps at the request of the data subject prior to entering into a contract with them;
  - 4.1.3 The processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the data controller is subject;
  - 4.1.4 The processing is necessary to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person;
  - 4.1.5 The 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 data controller; or
  - 4.1.6 The processing is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the data controller or by a third party, except where such interests are overridden by the fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject which require protection of personal data, in particular where the data subject is a child.

### 5. **Specified, Explicit, and Legitimate Purposes**

- 5.1 The Company collects and processes the personal data set out in Part 21 of this Policy. This includes:
  - 5.1.1 Personal data collected directly from data subjects
- 5.2 The Company only collects, processes, and holds personal data for the specific purposes set out in Part 21 of this Policy (or for other purposes expressly permitted by the GDPR).

**6. Adequate, Relevant, and Limited Data Processing**

The Company will only collect and process personal data for and to the extent necessary for the specific purpose or purposes of which data subjects have been informed (or will be informed) as under Part 5, above, and as set out in Part 21, below.

**7. Accuracy of Data and Keeping Data Up-to-Date**

7.1 The Company shall ensure that all personal data collected, processed, and held by it is kept accurate and up-to-date. This includes, but is not limited to, the rectification of personal data at the request of a data subject, as set out in Part 14, below.

7.2 The accuracy of personal data shall be checked when it is collected. If any personal data is found to be inaccurate or out-of-date, all reasonable steps will be taken without delay to amend or erase that data, as appropriate.

**8. Data Retention**

8.1 The Company shall not keep personal data for any longer than is necessary in light of the purpose or purposes for which that personal data was originally collected, held, and processed.

8.2 When personal data is no longer required, all reasonable steps will be taken to erase or otherwise dispose of it without delay.

**9. Secure Processing**

The Company shall ensure that all personal data collected, held, and processed is kept secure and protected against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction, or damage. Further details of the technical and organisational measures which shall be taken are provided in Parts 22 to 27 of this Policy.

**10. Accountability and Record-Keeping**

10.1 The Company's Data Protection Officer is Jeremy Higson 07483 055577

10.2 The Data Protection Officer shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this Policy and for monitoring compliance with this Policy, the Company's other data protection-related policies, and with the GDPR and other applicable data protection legislation.

10.3 The Company shall keep written internal records of all personal data collection, holding, and processing.

**11. Data Protection Impact Assessments**

11.1 The Company shall carry out Data Protection Impact Assessments for all new projects and/or new uses of personal data [which involve the use of new technologies and the processing involved is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of data subjects under the GDPR].

11.2 Data Protection Impact Assessments shall be overseen by the Data Protection Officer.

**12. Keeping Data Subjects Informed**

12.1 The Company shall provide the information set out in Part 12.2 to every data subject:

12.1.1 Where personal data is collected directly from data subjects, those data subjects will be informed of its purpose at the time of collection.

- 12.2 The following information shall be provided:
- 12.2.1 Details of the Company including, but not limited to, the identity of its Data Protection Officer;
  - 12.2.2 The purpose(s) for which the personal data is being collected and will be processed (as detailed in Part 21 of this Policy) and the legal basis justifying that collection and processing;
  - 12.2.3 Where applicable, the legitimate interests upon which the Company is justifying its collection and processing of the personal data;
  - 12.2.4 Where the personal data is not obtained directly from the data subject, the categories of personal data collected and processed;
  - 12.2.5 Where the personal data is to be transferred to one or more third parties, details of those parties;
  - 12.2.6 Where the personal data is to be transferred to a third party that is located outside of the European Economic Area (the "EEA"), details of that transfer, including but not limited to the safeguards in place (see Part 28 of this Policy for further details);
  - 12.2.7 Details of data retention;
  - 12.2.8 Details of the data subject's rights under the GDPR;
  - 12.2.9 Details of the data subject's right to withdraw their consent to the Company's processing of their personal data at any time;
  - 12.2.10 Details of the data subject's right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (the "supervisory authority" under the GDPR);
  - 12.2.11 Where applicable, details of any legal or contractual requirement or obligation necessitating the collection and processing of the personal data and details of any consequences of failing to provide it; and
  - 12.2.12 Details of any automated decision-making or profiling that will take place using the personal data, including information on how decisions will be made, the significance of those decisions, and any consequences.

### **13. Data Subject Access**

- 13.1 Data subjects may make subject access requests ("SARs") at any time to find out more about the personal data which the Company holds about them, what it is doing with that personal data, and why.
- 13.2 Data subjects wishing to make a SAR should contact Jeremy Higson.

### **14. Rectification of Personal Data**

- 14.1 Data subjects have the right to require the Company to rectify any of their personal data that is inaccurate or incomplete.
- 14.2 In the event that any affected personal data has been disclosed to third parties, those parties shall be informed of any rectification that must be made to that personal data.

### **15. Erasure of Personal Data**

- 15.1 Data subjects have the right to request that the Company erases the personal data it holds about them in the following circumstances:
  - 15.1.1 It is no longer necessary for the Company to hold that personal data with respect to the purpose(s) for which it was originally collected or processed;

- 15.1.2 The data subject wishes to withdraw their consent to the Company holding and processing their personal data;
- 15.1.3 The data subject objects to the Company holding and processing their personal data (and there is no overriding legitimate interest to allow the Company to continue doing so) (see Part 18 of this Policy for further details concerning the right to object);
- 15.1.4 The personal data has been processed unlawfully;
- 15.1.5 The personal data needs to be erased in order for the Company to comply with a particular legal obligation.
- 15.2 Unless the Company has reasonable grounds to refuse to erase personal data, all requests for erasure shall be complied with within a reasonable timeframe.
- 15.3 In the event that any personal data that is to be erased in response to a data subject's request has been disclosed to third parties, those parties shall be informed of the erasure (unless it is impossible or would require disproportionate effort to do so).

## 16. Restriction of Personal Data Processing

- 16.1 Data subjects may request that the Company ceases processing the personal data it holds about them. If a data subject makes such a request, the Company shall retain only the amount of personal data concerning that data subject (if any) that is necessary to ensure that the personal data in question is not processed further.
- 16.2 In the event that any affected personal data has been disclosed to third parties, those parties shall be informed of the applicable restrictions on processing it (unless it is impossible or would require disproportionate effort to do so).

## 17. Objections to Personal Data Processing

- 17.1 Data subjects have the right to object to the Company processing their personal data based on legitimate interests, direct marketing (including profiling), [and processing for scientific and/or historical research and statistics purposes].
- 17.2 Where a data subject objects to the Company processing their personal data based on its legitimate interests, the Company shall cease such processing immediately, unless it can be demonstrated that the Company's legitimate grounds for such processing override the data subject's interests, rights, and freedoms, or that the processing is necessary for the conduct of legal claims.
- 17.3 Where a data subject objects to the Company processing their personal data for direct marketing purposes, the Company shall cease such processing immediately.

## 18. Personal Data Collected, Held, and Processed

The following personal data is collected, held, and processed by the Company (for details of data retention, please refer to the Company's Data Retention Policy):

Data Ref.	Type of Data	Purpose of Data
B1-INFO	Name DOB Gender Address Email address Telephone number Job title Profession Payment information	Day to day business

Data Ref.	Type of Data	Purpose of Data
	Information about your preferences Transaction History	

#### 19. Data Security - Transferring Personal Data and Communications

The Company shall ensure that all reasonable measures are taken with respect to all communications and other transfers involving personal data to ensure that information is kept confidential, safe and secure.

#### 20. Data Security - Storage

The Company shall ensure that all reasonable measures are taken with respect to the storage of personal data to keep information confidential, safe and secure:

#### 21. Data Security - Disposal

When any personal data is to be erased or otherwise disposed of for any reason (including where copies have been made and are no longer needed), it should be securely deleted and disposed of. For further information on the deletion and disposal of personal data, please refer to the Company's Data Retention Policy.

#### 22. Data Security - Use of Personal Data

The Company shall make every effort to ensure that no personal data will be shared informally, transferred to other parties or misused by employees.

#### 23. Data Security - IT Security

The Company shall ensure that all reasonable measures are taken with respect to IT and information security.

- 23.1 All passwords used to protect personal data should be changed regularly and should not use words or phrases that can be easily guessed or otherwise compromised.
- 23.2 Under no circumstances should any passwords be written down or shared between any employees, agents, contractors, or other parties working on behalf of the Company, irrespective of seniority or department. If a password is forgotten, it must be reset using the applicable method. IT staff do not have access to passwords;
- 23.3 All software (including, but not limited to, applications and operating systems) shall be kept up-to-date. The Company's IT staff shall be responsible for installing any and all security-related updates as soon as reasonably and practically possible, unless there are valid technical reasons not to do so; and
- 23.4 No software may be installed on any Company-owned computer or device without the prior approval of the Data Protection Officer.

#### 24. Organisational Measures

The Company shall ensure that the following measures are taken with respect to the collection, holding, and processing of personal data:

- 24.1 All employees, agents, contractors, or other parties working on behalf of the Company shall be made fully aware of both their individual responsibilities and the Company's responsibilities under the GDPR and under this Policy, and shall be provided with a copy of this Policy;



- 24.2 Only employees, agents, sub-contractors, or other parties working on behalf of the Company that need access to, and use of, personal data in order to carry out their assigned duties correctly shall have access to personal data held by the Company;
- 24.3 All employees, agents, contractors, or other parties working on behalf of the Company handling personal data will be appropriately trained to do so;
- 24.4 All employees, agents, contractors, or other parties working on behalf of the Company handling personal data will be appropriately supervised;
- 24.5 All employees, agents, contractors, or other parties working on behalf of the Company handling personal data shall be required and encouraged to exercise care, caution, and discretion when discussing work-related matters that relate to personal data, whether in the workplace or otherwise;
- 24.6 Methods of collecting, holding, and processing personal data shall be regularly evaluated and reviewed;
- 24.7 All personal data held by the Company shall be reviewed periodically, as set out in the Company's Data Retention Policy;
- 24.8 The performance of those employees, agents, contractors, or other parties working on behalf of the Company handling personal data shall be regularly evaluated and reviewed;
- 24.9 All employees, agents, contractors, or other parties working on behalf of the Company handling personal data will be bound to do so in accordance with the principles of the GDPR and this Policy by contract;
- 24.10 All agents, contractors, or other parties working on behalf of the Company handling personal data must ensure that any and all of their employees who are involved in the processing of personal data are held to the same conditions as those relevant employees of the Company arising out of this Policy and the GDPR; and
- 24.11 Where any agent, contractor or other party working on behalf of the Company handling personal data fails in their obligations under this Policy that party shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company against any costs, liability, damages, loss, claims or proceedings which may arise out of that failure.

## **25. Data Breach Notification**

- 25.1 All personal data breaches must be reported immediately to the Company's Data Protection Officer.
- 25.2 If a personal data breach occurs and that breach is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of data subjects (e.g. financial loss, breach of confidentiality, discrimination, reputational damage, or other significant social or economic damage), the Data Protection Officer must ensure that the Information Commissioner's Office is informed of the breach without delay, and in any event, within 72 hours after having become aware of it.
- 25.3 In the event that a personal data breach is likely to result in a high risk (that is, a higher risk than that described under Part 29.2) to the rights and freedoms of data subjects, the Data Protection Officer must ensure that all affected data subjects are informed of the breach directly and without undue delay.

## **26. Implementation of Policy**

This Policy shall be deemed effective as of 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. No part of this Policy shall have retroactive effect and shall thus apply only to matters occurring on or after this date.

This Policy has been approved and authorised by:

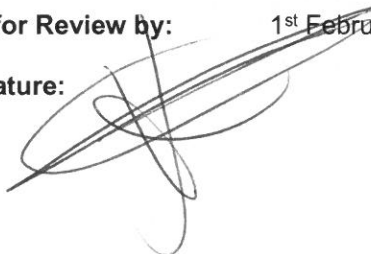
**Name:** Jeremy Higson

**Position:** Director

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020

**Due for Review by:** 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021

**Signature:**

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