



When we provide services, we want to make them easy, useful and reliable. Where services are delivered on the internet, this sometimes involves placing small amounts of information on your computer, mobile phone or tablet. These are known as cookies. They cannot be used to identify you personally.

What are cookies?

Cookies are used to improve services for you by:

- enabling a service to recognise your computer so you don't have to give the same information several times during one task
- recognising that you may already have given a username and password so you don't need to do it for every web page requested
- measuring how many people are using services, so that popular services can be made easier and faster to use
- analysing anonymous data to help us understand how people interact with government services so we can make them better

What do cookies look like?

If you click on a cookie you'll see a short string of text and numbers. The numbers are your identification card, which can only be seen by the website server that gave you the cookie.

How we use cookies?

Spatial NI uses a variety of cookies. Details about where we use them, why we use them and how long they will last is provided below.

All components of the Spatial NI platform

We use Google Analytics to collect information about how people use Spatial NI. We do this to make sure it's meeting people's needs and to understand how we could meet those needs better.

Google Analytics stores information about what pages you visit, how long you are on the site, how you got here and what you click on. We do not collect or store your personal details such as your name or address. We cannot identify who you are.

We do not allow Google to use or share any information we collect with other third parties.



Name of cookie	Typical content	Expires
__utma	randomly generated number	2 years
__utmb	randomly generated number	30 minutes
__utmc	randomly generated number	when you close your browser
__utmz	randomly generated number and information on how the site was reached (e.g. direct or via a link, organic search or paid search)	6 months
__utmx	randomly generated number	18 months
__utmxx	randomly generated number	18 months

Further information on cookies set by Google Analytics can be obtained by visiting their [website](#).

If you don't want Google Analytics to use information about you for the purposes of measuring website usage you can opt out:

[Google analytics cookies opt out](#)

Our public website uses cookies to remember your settings

Public website

Spatial NI uses cookies to remember if you have received the privacy and cookie warning message so that this message doesn't appear more than once per session.

Name of cookie	Typical content	Expires
sni_privacy_accept	randomly generated number	When you close your browser
NIGOV	randomly generated number	When you close your browser

Spatial NI NIMA portal

Spatial NI uses cookies to facilitate the logging in process to the portal which using Active Directory Federated Service (ADFS).



Name of cookie	Typical content	Expires
NIGOV	randomly generated number	When you close your browser
NIGOV_spatialni.gov.uk_%2F_wat	randomly generated number	When you close your browser
APSW-query	randomly generated number	When you close your browser
NIGOV_portal.spatialni.gov.uk_%2F_wat	randomly generated number	When you close your browser
RelayState	Token	When you close your browser
esri_auth	randomly generated number	When you close your browser
MSISAuth	randomly generated number	When you close your browser
MSISAuthenticated	randomly generated number	When you close your browser
MSISIPSelectionPersistent	randomly generated number	1 Month
MSISLoopDetectionCookie	randomly generated number	When you close your browser
SamlSession	randomly generated number	When you close your browser

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sni_portal_privacy_accept	randomly generated number	When you close your browser
NIGOV	randomly generated number	When you close your browser

Spatial NI for INSPIRE

Spatial NI for INSPIRE uses cookies to give you a better experience when using the INSPIRE portal.



Name of cookie	Typical content	Expires
NIGOV	randomly generated number	When you close your browser
NIGOV_spatialni.gov.uk_%2F_wat	randomly generated number	When you close your browser
JSESSIONID	randomly generated number	When you close your browser

How to manage your cookies

We will not use cookies to collect personally identifiable information about you. However, if you wish to restrict or block the cookies which are set by Spatial NI, or any other website, you can do this through your browser settings. Your browser is the way you access the internet for example Internet Explorer, Firefox or Safari. The 'Help' function within your browser should tell you how you can restrict or block cookies.

For information on how to restrict or block cookies on the browser of your mobile phone you will need to refer to your handset manual.

Alternatively, you will also find details on how to restrict or delete cookies on a wide variety of browsers, as well as more general information about cookies, on the [About Cookies website](#).

Please be aware that restricting cookies may impact on the way our website works for you.

Cookies on social networking websites

We have a link at the bottom of the Spatial NI website to the Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland Twitter site. Twitter may place cookies on your computer.

The social networking sites that Spatial NI links to are third party sites and Spatial NI does not have any control over the way that these sites use your data. You should read their respective privacy policies carefully to find out what happens to any data that is collected when you use these services and to consider whether you want to opt out.

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