

DUNANS CASTLE POLICIES

This document contains the policies adopted by Dunans Castle Ltd. for the operation of its websites and business.

- **Terms of Sale & Use of Decorative Titles**
- **Privacy Policy**
- **Terms of Website Use**
- **Acceptable Use Policy**
- **Cookie Policy**

What is covered by these policies

Dunans Castle Limited operates several websites and microsites (sites) under a number of different web addresses or URLs, and all of these sites are covered by this policy.

The URLs include *scottishlaird.com*, *scottishlaird.co.uk*, *scottishlaird.co*, *dunanscastle.co*, *dunanscastle.org*, *dunans.org*, *dunanscastle.events*

DCL operates subdomains of the aforementioned URLs and these too are covered by these policies – for example *redeem.scottishlaird.com*.

DCL provides services to its members, like email, and these too are covered by these policies.

DCL utilizes third party services, including Shopify, HelpScout, Mailchimp, ElasticEmail, Stripe, Paypal, Xero, Gmail, Google and others – all of which undertake to be compliant with European and UK Privacy legislation. If any of these third party services become non-compliant DCL will stop using them as soon as is reasonably feasible.

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TERMS OF SALE & USE OF DECORATIVE TITLES

“ScottishLaird.com”, “ScottishLord.com” and all derivatives of “Dunans Castle”, “Chaol Ghleann”, “Dunans Bridge” and “Dunans” are to be used only with the express permission of the proprietors of Dunans Castle Limited (“the proprietors” or “ScottishLaird.com”).

The proprietors reserve the right to withhold their permission to use these terms as they hold the copyright to these terms exclusively.

The proprietors also reserve the right to withdraw their permission for the use of the terms “Laird of Dunans Castle”, “Lady of Dunans Castle”, “Lord of Dunans Castle”, “Laird of Chaol Ghleann”, “Lady of Chaol Ghleann” and “Lord of Chaol Ghleann” at any time. The withdrawal of permission shall be occasioned only at the discretion of the proprietors.

The term “title” on this website, and in all paperwork pertaining to this project, being the “ScottishLaird.com project”, refers to the informal Scottish practice of calling a landowner ‘Laird’, ‘Lord’ or ‘Lady’.

The titles as noted above shall be granted under the laws of Scotland, and shall only pertain to the individual(s) whose name(s) is(are) entered on a valid deed of entitlement.

As the title ‘Laird’ or the associated ‘Lady’ and ‘Lord’ (in this context ‘Lady’ or ‘Lord’ is specifically relating only to the ownership of land, not anything else, nor any other type of title) only accrues to a person who owns land in Scotland, your title will relate specifically to one square foot of land set in the grounds of Dunans Castle, which you will ‘own’ on an informal basis, and will be referred to specifically in your Deed of Entitlement. This land will be identified by an ID number at Dunans on a plan derived from the deeds of Dunans. You will receive a plan of the site with the approximate position of ‘your’ piece of land marked, this will be for illustrative purposes only. The exact position of your square foot of land will be derived from the ID number and relative to GPS coordinates set out at <http://plots.scottishlaird.com> by Charles Dixon-Spain, Laird of Dunans Castle.

The titles we distribute are associated with a series of values which we expect the holders of our decorative titles to uphold and abide by.

- Integrity – being honest and having strong moral and ethical principles
- Respect – having due regard for the wishes, feeling and rights of others
- Tolerance – holding all as equal whatever their race, religion, gender or sexual orientation
- Privacy – having due regard for the rights of others’ to retain their privacy
- Humility – being unwilling to place oneself above others
- Lawfulness – abiding by the laws and statutes of Scotland as the locus for the decorative title.

The proprietors reserve the right to refuse the sale of their titles, or withdraw an entitlement if they believe that

- the title, company or project has been brought into disrepute by a titleholder/purchaser or ,
- a titleholder has breached the values associated with our decorative titles
- will be subject to multiple resale or,
- will be subject to other forms of monetization or,
- have been paid for by a competitor.

Furthermore:

- The only authorised seller of titles is ScottishLaird.com and the certified agents of Dunans Castle Limited.
- An administration charge of £20 will be levied to cover expenses, as well as PayPal fees in cases where an entitlement has been withdrawn and/or refused. We will refund remaining monies via PayPal or appropriate e-commerce channel.
- ScottishLaird.com (and its associated sites) reserves the right to report activities which infringe its copyright et al. to the relevant authorities, even in the case that the sale of a title has been refused or withdrawn.
- If a sale has been made and money accepted, and then ScottishLaird.com finds its products, trademarks, copyright et al., have been infringed it will terminate the Laird and/or Lady's permission to use their title(s) and will not offer any refunds.

Trees planted in honour of Lairds and Ladies, will not necessarily be planted upon the one square foot of land owned by that Laird or Lady. The actual siting of the tree will depend upon the topographical, environmental and ecological considerations which pertain onsite. The planting of trees will take place only at the correct time of year.

The Sponsorship of trees, whether native or exotic, does not imply ownership of those trees nor the ground they stand upon. Nor do any rights over those trees accrue to the sponsor, other than the right to be identified as sponsor of those trees or tree.

All benefits for our packages are subject to change and alteration without notice.

Upgrades may occasion the use of a Deed of Relinquishment. This document will allow ScottishLaird.com to issue adjacent plots of land to a laird and lady when one has already a plot of land. That original plot of land will be relinquished in favour of one of the adjacent plots. This relinquishment will be deemed to have been agreed to on purchase of the upgrade. All rights to the original plot will become void on purchase of the upgrade.

We reserve the right to update these terms at any time, and these terms as reproduced here are to augment and supersede those terms as sent to the individual Lairds and Ladies and referred to as "the Deed of Entitlement".

If any mistake is made in the personalisation of your product please let us know on receipt. If we are not notified within 30 days of receipt we reserve the right to charge postage for a resent package.

If you make an error in the shipment address and do not advise us within 1 hour of making the order, and the item requires to be resent, we reserve the right to charge a P&P cost to resend the item. This cost may differ from the original P&P charge.

If the Lord and/or Lady fields are left blank at checkout our policy is to use the name(s) of the person(s) ordering on the deed of entitlement. If revisions are required and you let us know within 30 days of the order, we will be happy to redraw the deed for the cost of postage and packing only, thereafter we will have to make a full charge for the redrawing of the deed.

In the case of our titles, if you receive a damaged item, please let us know and we will happily resend it, however we will have to charge postage for the resend.

When sending out a revised deed we will ONLY send a replacement deed of entitlement to you. Please ensure you retain the folder and supporting documents. PLEASE DO NOT DISPOSE OF THESE DOCUMENTS AS YOU WILL BE CHARGED THE STANDARD P+P FEE FOR REPLACEMENTS ON TOP OF ANY FEE THAT YOU MAY HAVE TO PAY TO RECEIVE YOUR NEW DEED.

The contents of any decorative title package is subject to change without notice.

If you do not receive any item from us within 30 days, please notify us immediately. We will not be able to resend or refund an item after 60 days, inclusive of the day of purchase. We will have to charge postage for the resend.

If you are in any way dissatisfied with this product we offer a full no quibbles refund within 60 days inclusive a day of purchase (using the appropriate payment service). Thereafter no refunds can be offered. To qualify for a refund you must send the deed of entitlement back to us within the 60 days of purchase. We will not refund your postage & packing cost (please see below for exceptions)

Any product ordered via a Print on Demand service are subject to that service's terms and conditions. In particular, we cannot offer returns on t-shirts for any other reason than the t-shirt was not what was ordered, or the printing was faulty. Returns for subjective reasons or for size are not available.

Any order which is not completed will be deleted from the system within 7 days. We reserve the right to email addresses entered on the system once to ascertain the reasons for a failed or incomplete transaction. If we do not receive any reply to this email we will delete all records of that email address from our systems.

All orders will be sent out to new lairds or ladies within 14 days of being ordered. We cannot guarantee delivery any sooner than 28 days after your order has been made, however we do promise to do our best to get your deed to you as quickly as possible.

Priority Orders

- All orders are subject to the carrier's terms. We ensure your package is ready for couriers within 24 hours of order and despatched as soon as possible thereafter.
- We always use the speediest possible service.
- We will forward tracking details to you where possible.

If you select the electronic version, it will be delivered, print-ready, to the email address you give us. If you do not receive your order within 24 hours, please contact us. The paper version of the deeds will follow in due course as per the abovenoted timescale.

In all cases the purchaser is responsible for all taxes and surcharges payable on delivery not otherwise covered by the P&P fees payable by Dunans Castle Ltd. at point of dispatch.

We will only guarantee communications to us via our contact form, or via Paypal.com. AOL.com email addresses and some others have given ScottishLaird some problems with delivery both to and from our email address. Therefore if you do not receive a contact in a timely manner and you have an AOL.com address, please use our alternate address "scottishlaird at googlemail dot com" or our contact from on this site. We will not be held responsible for missing or missed email communications.

We reserve the right to use anonymised comments as testimonials for the services that Scottish Laird offers.

It is to this page Lairds and Ladies should refer to for updates.

This website and all its products are subject to the laws of Scotland.

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If you have any feedback on these terms and conditions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

PRIVACY POLICY

Introduction

Dunans Castle Limited (DCL) (“We”) are committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. The practices outlined in this notice apply to all our members, local businesses, visitors, partners, sponsors, travel trade and DCL board members and development team. This policy (together with our terms of use and any other documents referred to in it) sets out the basis on which any personal data we collect from you, or that you provide to us, will be processed by us.

Please read the following carefully to understand our practices regarding your personal data and how we will treat it. If you have any concerns or questions about your data or our practices please email help@scottishlaird.com.

The rules on the processing of personal data are set out in the EU’s General Data Protection Regulation (the “GDPR”) which replaces the Data Protection Act 1988 on 25 May 2018.

Definitions

- Data controller – A controller determines the purposes and means of processing personal data.
- Data processor – A processor is responsible for processing personal data on behalf of a controller.
- Data subject – Natural person
- Categories of data: Personal data and special categories of personal data
- Personal data – The GDPR applies to ‘personal data’ meaning any information relating to an identifiable person who can be directly or indirectly identified in particular by reference to an identifier (as explained in Article 6 of GDPR). For example name, passport number, home address or private email address. Online identifiers include IP addresses and cookies.
- Special categories personal data – The GDPR refers to sensitive personal data as ‘special categories of personal data’ (as explained in Article 9 of GDPR). The special categories specifically include genetic data, and biometric data where processed to uniquely identify an individual. Other examples include racial and ethnic origin, sexual orientation, health data, trade union membership, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs.
- Processing – means any operation or set of operations which is performed on personal data or on sets of personal data, whether or not by automated means, such as collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction.
- Third party – means a natural or legal person, public authority, agency or body other than the data subject, controller, processor and persons who,

under the direct authority of the controller or processor, are authorised to process personal data.

Who are we?

The DCL is the data controller. This means we collect and manage your personal data in accordance with this policy. If you have any questions about your data or wish to have your data revised or removed please contact help@scottishlaird.com.

The categories of personal data concerned

DCL holds and maintains the following personal data as provided by you (which may be your home or business contact details as determined by you):

- name
- address and/or postcode
- email addresses
- phone numbers

We have obtained your personal data from detail that you have provided from opting in to receiving communications from us either as a member, a local business contact or as a subscriber or by entering a competition or prize draw.

The purpose(s) of processing your personal data

We use your personal data for the following purposes:

- To keep our Members, Business Contacts and Visitors informed
- To provide our Members with notification of events, meetings and offers
- To provide our Members with links to information, surveys and industry updates for onward distribution to their own contacts
- To provide our Members with updates on the restoration project
- To provide information and news including competitions and special offers to our subscribers

You may give us information about yourself by filling in forms on our www.scottishlaird.com websites (our site) or by corresponding with us by phone, e-mail, social media or otherwise. This includes information you provide when you register to use features on our site, subscribe to our service, participate in social media functions on our site, enter a competition, promotion or survey, and when you report a problem with our site. You must expressly opt in to receiving information from us.

What is our legal basis for processing your personal data?

Personal data (article 6 of GDPR) Our lawful basis for processing your general personal data is based on your opt in consent for your data to be used to receive communications on industry news and updates from DCL and newsletter and promotional offers from DCL relating to the Dunans Restoration Project. More information on lawful processing can be found on the ICO website.

Storing and sharing your personal data

Your personal data will be treated as strictly confidential. Subscriptions to newsletters and updates will be stored on Mailchimp and ElasticEmail, and will be regularly checked for duplications and requests to unsubscribe. Member data will be held in spreadsheet format on private DCL Dropbox files which are only accessible by directors and staff.

How long do we keep your personal data?

We keep your personal data for no longer than reasonably necessary. We only retain your data for the following purposes and use the following criteria to determine how long to retain your personal data: Term of Membership, Term of Subscription. When a membership is terminated we will delete all personal data associated with that membership. Subscribers will always have the option to unsubscribe at any point. Our subscription database will be reviewed annually to gauge levels of interaction and overhauled at least every 2 years.

Providing us with your personal data

We require your personal data as it is a requirement of Membership or Subscription to allow us to identify your plot at Dunans or to contact you for the purposes of fulfilling the provision of member services as a member or information that you have subscribed to receive from us such as newsletters and updates. If you are a visitor and have elected to receive our updates we will offer you the option to continue to receive these newsletters at least every two years and provide you with the means to unsubscribe. We will not use your data for any other purposes without seeking your prior approval.

Your rights and your personal data

Unless subject to an exemption under the GDPR, you have the following rights with respect to your personal data:

- The right to request a copy of the personal data which we hold about you;
- The right to request that we correct any personal data if it is found to be inaccurate or out of date;
- The right to request your personal data is erased where it is no longer necessary to retain such data;
- The right to withdraw your consent to the processing at any time, where consent was your lawful basis for processing the data.
- The right to request that we provide you with your personal data and where possible, to transmit that data directly to another data controller, (known as the right to data portability), (where applicable i.e. where the processing is based on consent or is necessary for the performance of a contract with the data subject and where the data controller processes the data by automated means);
- The right, where there is a dispute in relation to the accuracy or processing of your personal data, to request a restriction is placed on further processing;

- The right to object to the processing of personal data, (where applicable i.e. where processing is based on legitimate interests (or the performance of a task in the public interest/exercise of official authority); direct marketing and processing for the purposes of scientific/historical research and statistics).

Transfer of Data Abroad

We do not transfer personal data outside the EEA.

Automated Decision Making

We do not use any form of automated decision making in our business.

Further processing

If we wish to use your personal data for a new purpose, not covered by this Data Privacy Notice, then we will provide you with a new notice explaining this new use for you to opt in prior to commencing the processing and setting out the relevant purposes and processing conditions.

Changes to our privacy policy

Any changes we may make to our privacy policy in the future will be posted on this page and, where appropriate, notified to you by e-mail. Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

How to make a complaint

To exercise all relevant rights, queries or complaints please in the first instance contact help@scottishlaird.com. If this does not resolve your complaint to your satisfaction, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioners Office on 03031231113 or via email <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/email/> or at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, England.

Terms of Website Use

PLEASE READ THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE USING THIS SITE

Terms of website use

This terms of use (together with the documents referred to in it) tells you the terms of use on which you may make use of our website www.scottishlaird.com (our site), whether as a guest or a registered user. Use of our site includes accessing, browsing, or registering to use our site.

Please read these terms of use carefully before you start to use our site, as these will apply to your use of our site. We recommend that you print a copy of this for future reference.

By using our site, you confirm that you accept these terms of use and that you agree to comply with them. If you do not agree to these terms of use, you must not use our site.

Other applicable terms

These terms of use refer to the following additional terms, which also apply to your use of our site:

Our Privacy Policy which sets out the terms on which we process any personal data we collect from you, or that you provide to us. By using our site, you consent to such processing and you warrant that all data provided by you is accurate.

Our Acceptable Use Policy which sets out the permitted uses and prohibited uses of our site. When using our site, you must comply with this *Acceptable Use Policy*.

Our Cookie Policy which sets out information about the cookies on our site.

Information about us

www.scottishlaird.com is a site operated by Dunans Castle Limited (DCL) (“We”). We are registered in Scotland under company number SC372423 and have our registered office at Dunans Castle, Glendaruel, Argyll PA22 3AD.

Changes to these terms

We may revise these terms of use at anytime by amending this page. Please check this page from time to time to take notice of any changes we made, as they are binding on you.

Changes to our site

We may update our site from time to time, and may change the content at any time. However, please note that any of the content on our site may be out of date at any given time, and we are under no obligation to update it. We do not

guarantee that our site, or any content on it, will be free from errors or omissions.

Accessing our site

Our site is made available free of charge. We do not guarantee that our site, or any content on it, will always be available or be uninterrupted. Access to our site is permitted on a temporary basis. We may suspend, withdraw, discontinue or change all or any part of our site without notice. We will not be liable to you if for any reason our site is unavailable at any time or for any period.

You are responsible for making all arrangements necessary for you to have access to our site. You are also responsible for ensuring that all persons who access our site through your internet connection are aware of these terms of use and other applicable terms and conditions, and that they comply with them.

Our site is directed to people residing in the United Kingdom. We do not represent that content available on or through our site is appropriate or available in other locations. We may limit the availability of our site or any service or product described on our site to any person or geographic area at any time. If you choose to access our site from outside the United Kingdom, you do so at your own risk.

Your account and password

If you choose, or you are provided with, a username, password or any other piece of information as part of our security procedures, you must treat such information as confidential. You must not disclose it to any third party. We have the right to disable any user identification code or password, whether chosen by you or allocated by us, at any time, if in our reasonable opinion you have failed to comply with any of the provisions of these terms of use. If you know or suspect that anyone other than you knows your user identification code or password, you should notify us at help@scottishlaird.com

Intellectual property rights

We are the owner or the licensee of all intellectual property rights in our site, and in the material published on it. Those works are protected by copyright laws and treaties around the world. All such rights are reserved. You may print off one copy, and may download extracts, of any page(s) from our site for your personal use and you may draw the attention of others within your organisation to content posted on our site. You must not modify the paper or digital copies of any materials you have printed off or downloaded in any way, and you must not use any illustrations, photographs, video or audio sequences or any graphics separately from any accompanying text. Our status (and that of any identified contributors) as the authors of content on our site must always be acknowledged. You must not use any part of the content on our site for commercial purposes without obtaining a licence to do so from us or our licensors.

If you print off, copy or download any part of our site in breach of these terms of use, your right to use our site will cease immediately and you must, at our option,

return or destroy any copies of the materials you have made.

No reliance on information

The content on our site is provided for general information only. It is not intended to amount to advice on which you should rely. You must obtain professional or specialist advice before taking, or refraining from, any action on the basis of the content on our site. Although we make reasonable efforts to update the information on our site, we make no representations, warranties or guarantees, whether express or implied, that the content on our site is accurate, complete or up-to-date.

Limitation of our liability

Nothing in these terms of use excludes or limits our liability for death or personal injury arising from our negligence, or our fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation, or any other liability that cannot be excluded or limited by English law. To the extent permitted by law, we exclude all conditions, warranties, representations or other terms which may apply to our site or any content on it, whether express or implied. We will not be liable to any user for any loss or damage, whether in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty, or otherwise, even if foreseeable, arising under or in connection with:

- use of, or inability to use, our site; or
- use of or reliance on any content displayed on our site. If you are a business user, please note that in particular, we will not be liable for:
 - loss of profits, sales, business, or revenue;
 - business interruption;
 - loss of anticipated savings;
 - loss of business opportunity, goodwill or reputation; or
 - any indirect or consequential loss or damage.

We will not be liable for any loss or damage caused by a virus, distributed denial-of-service attack, or other technologically harmful material that may infect your computer equipment, computer programs, data or other proprietary material due to your use of our site or to your downloading of any content on it, or on any website linked to it. We assume no responsibility for the content of websites linked on our site. Such links should not be interpreted as endorsement by us of those linked websites. We will not be liable for any loss or damage that may arise from your use of them.

Uploading content to our site

Whenever you make use of a feature that allows you to upload content to our site, or to make contact with other users of our site, you must comply with the content standards set out in our *Acceptable Use Policy*. You warrant that any such contribution does comply with those standards, and you will be liable to us and indemnify us for any breach of that warranty. Any content you upload to our site will be considered non-confidential and non-proprietary. You retain all of your ownership rights in your content, but you are required to grant us and other users of the site a limited licence to use, store and copy that content and to distribute and make it available to third parties.

The rights you license to us are described in the next paragraph (*Rights you licence*). We also have the right to disclose your identity to any third party who is claiming that any content posted or uploaded by you to our site constitutes a violation of their intellectual property rights, or of their right to privacy.

We will not be responsible, or liable to any third party, for the content or accuracy of any content posted by you or any other user of our site. We have the right to remove any posting you make on our site if, in our opinion, your post does not comply with the content standards set out in our *Acceptable Use Policy*.

The views expressed by other users on our site do not represent our views or values. You are solely responsible for securing and backing up your content.

Rights you licence

When you upload or post content to our site, you grant the following licenses:

- A worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free, transferable licence to use, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works of, display, and perform that content in connection with the services provided by our site and across different media and to promote the site or services; and
- A worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free, transferable licence to allow third parties to use the content for their purposes.
- We will only ever use your materials to carry out your instructions to us – unless, very exceptionally, a court or other regulator orders us to disclose them.

Viruses

We do not guarantee that our site will be secure or free from bugs or viruses. You are responsible for configuring your information technology, computer programmes and platform in order to access our site. You should use your own virus protection software. You must not misuse our site by knowingly introducing viruses, trojans, worms, logic bombs or other material which is malicious or technologically harmful. You must not attempt to gain unauthorised access to our site, the server on which our site is stored or any server, computer or database connected to our site. You must not attack our site via a denial-of-service attack or a distributed denial-of service attack.

By breaching this provision, you would commit a criminal offence under the Computer Misuse Act 1990. We will report any such breach to the relevant law enforcement authorities and we will co-operate with those authorities by disclosing your identity to them. In the event of such a breach, your right to use our site will cease immediately.

Linking to our site

You may link to our home page, provided you do so in a way that is fair and legal and does not damage our reputation or take advantage of it. You must not establish a link in such a way as to suggest any form of association, approval or endorsement on our part where none exists. You must not establish a link to our site in any website that is not owned by you. Our site must not be framed on any other site, nor may you create a link to any part of our site other than the home

page. We reserve the right to withdraw linking permission without notice. The website in which you are linking must comply in all respects with the content standards set out in our Acceptable Use Policy.

If you wish to make any use of content on our site other than that set out above, please contact help@scottishlaird.com

Third party links and resources in our site

Where our site contains links to other sites and resources provided by third parties, these links are provided for your information only. We have no control over the contents of those sites or resources.

Applicable law

If you are a consumer, please note that these terms of use, its subject matter and its formation, are governed by English law. You and we both agree that the courts of Scotland will have non-exclusive jurisdiction. If you are a business, these terms of use, its subject matter and its formation (and any non-contractual disputes or claims) are governed by English and Scottish law. We both agree to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Scotland.

Contact us

To contact us, please email help@scottishlaird.com Thank you for visiting our site.

Acceptable Use Policy

This acceptable use policy sets out the terms between you and us under which you may access our website www.wildaboutargyll.co.uk (our site).

This acceptable use policy applies to all users of, and visitors to, our site. Your use of our site means that you accept, and agree to abide by, all the policies in this acceptable use policy, which supplement our terms of website use.

www.scottishlaird.com is a site operated by Dunans Castle Limited (DCL) (“We”). We are registered in Scotland under company number SC372423 and have our registered office at Dunans Castle, Glendaruel, Argyll PA22 3AD.

Prohibited uses

You may use our site only for lawful purposes. You may not use our site:

- In any way that breaches any applicable local, national or international law or regulation.
- In any way that is unlawful or fraudulent, or has any unlawful or fraudulent purpose or effect.
- For the purpose of harming or attempting to harm minors in any way.
- To send, knowingly receive, upload, download, use or re-use any material which does not comply with our content standards below.
- To transmit, or procure the sending of, any unsolicited or unauthorised advertising or promotional material or any other form of similar solicitation (spam).
- To knowingly transmit any data, send or upload any material that contains viruses, Trojan horses, worms, time-bombs, keystroke loggers, spyware, adware or any other harmful programs or similar computer code designed to adversely affect the operation of any computer software or hardware.

You also agree:

- Not to reproduce, duplicate, copy or re-sell any part of our site in contravention of the provisions of our terms of website use.
- Not to access without authority, interfere with, damage or disrupt: o any part of our site; o any equipment or network on which our site is stored; o any software used in the provision of our site; or o any equipment or network or software owned or used by any third party.

Interactive services

We may from time to time provide interactive services on our site, including, without limitation:

- Forum
- Blogs

Where we do provide any interactive service, we will provide clear information to you about the kind of service offered, if it is moderated and what form of moderation is used (including whether it is human or technical).

We will do our best to assess any possible risks for users (and in particular, for

children) from third parties when they use any interactive service provided on our site, and we will decide in each case whether it is appropriate to use moderation of the relevant service (including what kind of moderation to use) in the light of those risks.

However, we are under no obligation to oversee, monitor or moderate any interactive service we provide on our site, and we expressly exclude our liability for any loss or damage arising from the use of any interactive service by a user in contravention of our content standards, whether the service is moderated or not.

The use of any of our interactive services by a minor is subject to the consent of their parent or guardian. We advise parents who permit their children to use an interactive service that it is important that they communicate with their children about their safety online, as moderation is not foolproof. Minors who are using any interactive service should be made aware of the potential risks to them. Where we do moderate an interactive service, we will normally provide you with a means of contacting the moderator, should a concern or difficulty arise.

Content standards

These content standards apply to any and all material which you contribute to our site (contributions), and to any interactive services associated with it. You must comply with the spirit and the letter of the following standards. The standards apply to each part of any contribution as well as to its whole.

Contributions must:

- Be accurate (where they state facts).
- Be genuinely held (where they state opinions).
- Comply with applicable law in the UK and in any country from which they are posted.

Contributions must not:

- Contain any material which is defamatory of any person.
- Contain any material which is obscene, offensive, hateful or inflammatory.
- Promote sexually explicit material.
- Promote violence.
- Promote discrimination based on race, sex, religion, nationality, disability, sexual orientation or age.
- Infringe any copyright, database right or trade mark of any other person.
- Be likely to deceive any person.
- Be made in breach of any legal duty owed to a third party, such as a contractual duty or a duty of confidence.
- Promote any illegal activity.
- Be threatening, abuse or invade another's privacy, or cause annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety.
- Be likely to harass, upset, embarrass, alarm or annoy any other person.
- Be used to impersonate any person, or to misrepresent your identity or affiliation with any person.
- Give the impression that they emanate from us, if this is not the case.
- Advocate, promote or assist any unlawful act such as (by way of example only)

copyright infringement or computer misuse.

Suspension and termination

We will determine, in our discretion, whether there has been a breach of this acceptable use policy through your use of our site. When a breach of this policy has occurred, we may take such action as we deem appropriate. Failure to comply with this acceptable use policy constitutes a material breach of the terms of use upon which you are permitted to use our site, and may result in our taking all or any of the following actions:

- Immediate, temporary or permanent withdrawal of your right to use our site.
- Immediate, temporary or permanent removal of any posting or material uploaded by you to our site.
- Issue of a warning to you.
- Legal proceedings against you for reimbursement of all costs on an indemnity basis (including, but not limited to, reasonable administrative and legal costs) resulting from the breach.
- Further legal action against you.
- Disclosure of such information to law enforcement authorities as we reasonably feel is necessary. We exclude liability for actions taken in response to breaches of this acceptable use policy.

The responses described in this policy are not limited, and we may take any other action we reasonably deem appropriate.

Changes to the acceptable use policy

We may revise this acceptable use policy at any time by amending this page. You are expected to check this page from time to time to take notice of any changes we make, as they are legally binding on you. Some of the provisions contained in this acceptable use policy may also be superseded by provisions or notices published elsewhere on our site.

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