About cookies used on EiS web sites.

When an EiS website is visited, a number of cookies are stored on your computer. At the moment, your consent to have these cookies written to your hard drive is **assumed**. The new **Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 (PECR)**, which came into force on the 26 May 2011, means that explicit consent must be obtained ***before*** cookies are set. UK organisations have been given until May 2012 to look at the best way to do this. Until such a mechanism is implemented, EiS are making information available about the nature of the cookies that we use on our websites.

The **PECR** legislation identifies one type of cookie for which consent is not required. This type of cookie is described as "strictly necessary" for the operation of the website. By implication, all other cookies are not "strictly necessary" and explicit consent for these will be required. The cookies used by our websites are explained below:

1. Cookies which EiS consider to be "strictly necessary"
EiS websites use two cookies which are essential for its backend server software (ColdFusion) to work properly: CFID and CFTOKEN. These are used as a pair to create a unique session ID in order that our web systems can uniquely identify a visitor's session. This information is not used or stored outside of our systems. No personal information of any kind, related to the visitor, is collected or stored in these cookies. CFID and CFTOKEN cookies expire when the browsing session ends.

2. Other cookies
Use of EiS websites may also result in other cookies being set.

> **2.1 Google Analytics:** These are used by the Google Analytics software and *all* of our corporate web pages use them. We use Google Analytics to track how people use the EiS web site and this helps us to ensure that content is relevant and up-to-date*.
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> **This may not apply to EISite, Kent Parish Council web sites or other sites provided as a service by EiS.*

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