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8 GDPR provisions stipulate that the controller must weigh up the interests:

Art. 6 I f: "Processing shall be lawfull if it is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the controller or by a third party, except where such interests are **overridden** by the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject [...]."

Art. 15 IV: "The right to obtain a copy referred to in paragraph 3 shall not **adversely affect** the rights and freedoms of others."

Art. 17 I c: "The data subject shall have the right to [...] erasure [...] where the data subject objects to the processing pursuant to Article 21 (1) and there are no **overriding** legitimate grounds [...]."

Art. 17 III: "Paragraphs 1 and 2 [right to erasure] shall not apply to the extent that processing is necessary [...]."

Art. 18 I d: "The data subject shall have the right to [...] restriction of processing where [...] the data subject has objected to processing pursuant to Article 21 (1) pending the verification whether the legitimate grounds of the controller **override** those of the data subject."

Art. 20 IV: "The right referred to in paragraph 1 [right to data portability] shall not **adversely** affect the rights and freedoms of others."

Art. 21 I 2: "The controller shall no longer process the personal data unless the controller demonstrates compelling legitimate grounds for the processing which **override** the interests, rights and freedoms of the data subject [...]."

Art. 49 I 2: "Where a transfer could not be based on a provision in Article 45 or 46, [...] a transfer to a third country or an international organisation may take place only if the transfer [...] is necessary for the purposes of compelling legitimate interests pursued by the controller which are not **overridden** by the interests or rights and freedoms of the data subject [...].