



Landlords Licensing Scheme for private landlords consultation

Sefton Council has had a Licensing Scheme for private landlords since 2018.

A licensing scheme helps landlords of private rented properties provide safe and warm homes for people to live in.



There is currently a licensing scheme for the Bootle area.



There is also an additional licensing scheme for houses of multiple occupancy (where a property is rented to at least three people, who are not part of the same family) in parts of



- Waterloo
- Seaforth
- Brighton-Le-Sands
- central Southport.



The licensing schemes have made a big difference to people who live in the properties as the property conditions have got better.



There has also been improvements to the community, as a landlord licensing scheme can help improve crime and anti-social behaviour.



Why are we asking for your ideas?

The Licensing Scheme will run out in February 2023.

There is still lots more to do to help improve private rented properties and the living conditions of their residents.

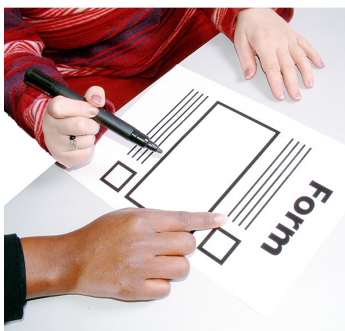
Sefton must decide if the selective licence of Bootle and the additional licence for the houses of multiple occupancy in parts of Waterloo, Seaforth, Brighton-Le-Sands and central Southport should be renewed.

We want to know what you think. Please complete the consultation to give us your views .



You can fill this form on the computer.

Go to this website:
www.sefton.gov.uk/licensing-consultation



If you prefer to fill in the form on paper, you can ask for one to be sent to you with a pre-paid envelope.

Ring us on 0800 0730 348 to ask for a form to be sent to you.



If you need any support to give us your views, please email: seftonprs@melresearch.co.uk or call 0800 0730 348 and we would be happy to help.



By taking part in the consultation, you can be entered into a prize draw, if you want.

If you decide to enter, you could win one of three prizes of high street gift vouchers. The 1st prize is £100 in vouchers, 2nd prize of £50 in vouchers and a 3rd prize of £25 in vouchers.



More information about this is included in the privacy notice on this website:

melresearch.co.uk/privacypolicy. A privacy notice tells you why we are asking for your personal information.



The closing date for the consultation is 31 July 2022.

ABOUT YOU

1. Which of the following describes you?
(Please tick all that apply)



- Resident in Sefton
- Private landlord
- Letting agent
- Managing agent
- Private tenant in Sefton
- Work in Sefton
- Business in Sefton
- Other (please tell us)



2. What is your postcode?
(This information will not be used to identify you. The information will only be used to help the Council to understand if there are different views from different areas of Sefton)



3. If you are a business, what is the name of the business or organisation?



Sefton Council would like to renew a landlord licensing scheme for private rented properties in the Bootle area.



This will mean that all private sector landlords renting a property in the area should have a licence and meet the standards in order to have that licence.



This would allow the Council to take action where landlords are not meeting the standards.

4. Do you agree or disagree to renew the landlord licensing scheme in Bootle?



- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

5. What impact, if any, will the renewal of the landlord licensing scheme in Bootle have on you, if it was agreed?



- A positive impact
- A negative impact
- No impact
- Don't know



Sefton Council would like to renew a landlord licensing scheme for houses of multiple occupancy properties in parts of Waterloo, Brighton-Le-Sands, Seaforth and central Southport



This will mean that all private sector landlords have to have a licence for each house in multiple occupancy and meet the standards in order to hold that licence.



This would provide safe homes for tenants to live in and allow the Council to take action where landlords don't meet the standards.

6. Do you agree or disagree to renew the additional houses of multiple occupancy landlord licensing scheme for parts of Waterloo, Seaforth, Brighton-Le-Sands and central Southport?



Strongly agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

7. What impact, if any, will the renewal of the additional houses of multiple occupancy landlord licensing scheme in parts of Waterloo, Seaforth, Brighton-Le-sands and central Southport have on you, if it was agreed?



A positive impact

A negative impact

No impact

Don't know



8. Are there any other areas in Sefton that you feel would benefit from an additional housing of multiple occupancy licensing scheme?
(Please tell us below)



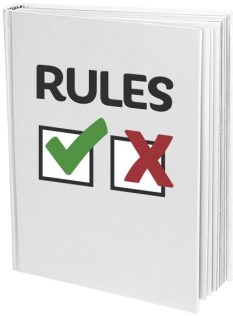
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9. Are there any other comments you would like to add about either of the proposed schemes?



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PROPOSED FEES - LANDLORD HOUSING LICENSING SCHEME



If licensing is re-introduced it means that private landlords in the areas identified must have a licence.



To cover its costs of arranging the schemes the Council would need to charge landlords a fee to apply for a licence that would last up to five years.



The proposed fee for the landlords licensing scheme in Bootle is £695 to cover for up to five years. This works out at £139 per year or £2.67 per week.



The proposed fee for the additional houses of multiple occupancy landlords licensing scheme is £950 to cover for up to five years. This works out at £190 per year or £3.65 per week



It is also proposed that if any landlords have more accommodation in the same building, that they are charged an extra £30 per accommodation.



It is also proposed that if any landlords have people who manage properties on their behalf, they may get a discount on the proposed fees:

- If the landlord is a member of the Sefton Property Accreditation Scheme or is Accredited with the National Residential Landlords Association, the fee would be £150 lower.
- People who manage properties on behalf of other people (if they are the proposed licence holder), could get a £200 discount if they are part of Sefton's Managing Agent Accreditation Scheme.



10. Do you agree or disagree with the proposed fee of £695 (for five years) and £30 for each additional accommodation (in the same property) for the landlords licensing fee in Bootle?



- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know
- Does not apply to me

11. Do you agree or disagree with the proposed fee of £950 (for five years) and £30 for each additional accommodation (in the same building) for the additional houses of multiple occupancy landlords licensing fee in parts of Waterloo, Seaforth, Brighton-Le-Sands and central Southport?



Strongly agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

Does not apply to me



12. Please use the box below if you have any more comments about fees.

PROPOSED LICENSING RULES - LANDLORD HOUSING SCHEME

There are rules that must be used with landlord licence schemes. The Council can also add other rules on how to manage, use and live in properties. The proposed rules want to stop overcrowding, poor property conditions and help tackle deprivation and anti-social behaviour.

You can see these rules on this website:
www.sefton.gov.uk/licensing-consultation



13. Do you agree or disagree with the proposed rules for the landlord licensing scheme in Bootle?

Strongly agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

Does not apply to me

14. Do you agree or disagree with the proposed rules for the additional houses of multiple occupancy landlords licensing fee in parts of Waterloo, Seaforth, Brighton-Le-Sands and central Southport?



Strongly agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

Does not apply to me

15. Please use the box below if you have any more comments about licensing rules.



16. Please use the box below if you have any more comments or suggestions about landlord licensing.





As well as this survey, there will be some group discussions about the proposals. They will be done online.

17. Do you want to be involved in these group discussions?

Yes

No

If you have ticked 'YES' that you want to take part in group discussions, please provide your email address.



18. If the Council goes ahead with the proposed landlord licensing schemes, would you like the Council to contact you with details of the scheme?



Yes

No

If you have ticked 'YES' that you want the Council to let you know about the proposals, please provide your email address.





By taking part in this consultation, you have the chance to be entered into a prize draw.



If you want to enter the prize draw for one of the shopping vouchers, you will need to provide your email address. This information will only be used for the prize draw as mentioned in the privacy notice.



19. Do you agree to providing consent to be entered into the prize draw?

Yes, and I would like the vouchers

Yes, but give the voucher to a local

No



If you have ticked 'YES' that you agree to being entered into the prize draw, please provide your email address.



Some questions about you

These questions are optional and you do not have to answer them.

Filling in this form will help us make sure we are reaching everyone in Sefton.

All this information is private.

20. Do you agree for your personal information to be used in this way, for this survey only?



Yes

No

21. How old are you?



18-29	<input type="checkbox"/>	30-39	<input type="checkbox"/>	40-49	<input type="checkbox"/>
50-59	<input type="checkbox"/>	60+	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not	<input type="checkbox"/>

22. Are you



Male



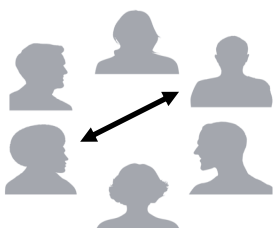
Female



Prefer not to say

People who are planning to, started to or have changed their sex are protected by equalities law. This is called gender reassignment.

23. Are you planning to, started to or have changed your sex?



Yes

No



Prefer not to say

24. If you answered Yes to question 23.

Do you currently live as the sex you were given when you were born?



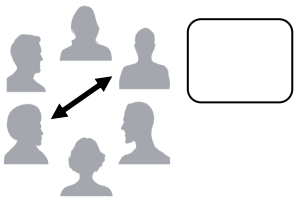
YES

NO

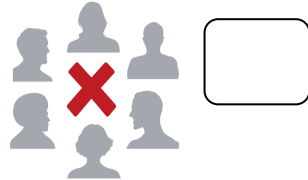


PREFER NOT TO SAY

25 If you do not live as the sex you were given at birth, are you?



Transgender



Non binary



I identify differently



Prefer not to say



26. Relationships - How would you describe your sexual orientation?








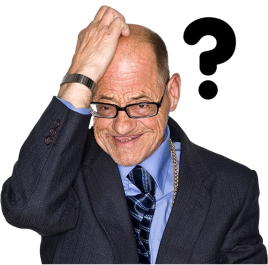




Heterosexual / Straight	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gay	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lesbian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bisexual	<input type="checkbox"/>
I identify differently	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please tell us how you identify

27. Disability - Do you have any of the following?

No, none of these

 <p>Physical impairment</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Visual impairment / blind</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Learning difficulty</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Hearing impairment / deaf</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Learning disability</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Long-term illness that affects your daily life</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Autism / Asperger's</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Dementia</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Mental health condition</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Prefer not to say</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>

If you have cancer, diabetes or HIV, this is seen as a disability under the equalities law.

If you have selected any of the boxes in question 27, this is also seen as a disability under the equalities law.

28. Do you think of yourself as disabled?









Yes

No



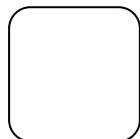
Prefer not to say

29. What is your religion or belief?

<p>No religion or belief</p> <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Christian</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Hindu</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Muslim</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Jewish</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Sikh</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Other</p> <input type="checkbox"/> <hr/>	<p>Prefer not to say</p>  <input type="checkbox"/>

30. Race and ethnicity - do you identify as

Prefer not
to say



White

English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	Irish
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	Roma
Polish	Portuguese
Latvian	
Other white background	

Asian or Asian British



Indian	Bangladeshi
Pakistani	Black
Chinese	Other Asian background

Black or Black British



African	Caribbean
British	Asian
Other Black background	

21. Race and ethnicity - do you identify as

Mixed ethnic background



White and Black Caribbean	White and Black African
White and Asian	Other mixed ethnic background

Other



Arab	
Any other ethnic background	



Thank you for filling in this form. Please put it in an envelope and send it without a stamp to:

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This information will **not** be able to tell us who you are.

But it will help us to understand if we are missing people out.