

Selective Licensing Consultation



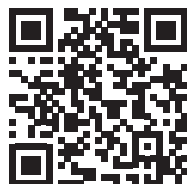
Have your Say

We need your views to help us improve homes in an area of the East Marsh.

Take part in our consultation and let us know your views on the proposed scheme which aims to improve housing standards in privately rented homes and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

Our consultation will run from 8th January through to 30th March 2025

For more information, visit us at:
www.nelincs.gov.uk/haveyoursay



There is much to celebrate in the East Marsh, thanks to the work of local residents, Councillors, agencies, schools, local businesses and community groups.

However, If you live in the East Marsh, you're more likely to have a shorter life expectancy, live in a colder home and experience crime and anti-social behaviour.

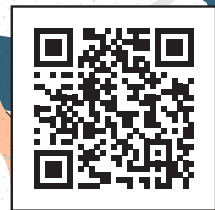
The Council wants to hear your views on introducing a Selective Licensing scheme in an area of the East Marsh Ward, which comprises nearly 4,000 homes, of which around 2,500 homes are privately rented.

If you feel you will be affected by this scheme, we want to hear from you.

This includes anyone living in the East Marsh area, along with landlords, letting & managing agents, businesses.

You can find out more information here:

- Visit **www.nelincs.gov.uk/haveyoursay** for details of our consultation events
- Register for a place on our online events
- Attend one of our drop-in sessions
- Email: **selectivelicensing@nelincs.gov.uk**



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Have your say now as consultation on Selective Licensing in East Marsh gets underway

Plans to introduce a housing scheme in parts of the East Marsh ward to encourage landlords to work more collaboratively with the Council get underway today (Monday January 27 2025) with the launch of a public consultation on the introduction of Selective Licensing.

Selective Licensing would mean that all private landlords must hold a valid licence before renting out a property. Landlords would need to ensure that their property is up to standard to meet their licence obligations.

North East Lincolnshire Council wants your views on the introduction of Selective Licensing within a designated area of the East Marsh, with the aim of improving housing standards in privately-rented homes, and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

The creation of two Areas of Action is also being explored in parts of Sidney Sussex and Heneage Wards to motivate landlords in these areas to work more closely with the council to bring their properties up to standard.

The public consultation will run from today for 10 weeks, giving all interested parties the opportunity to give their views on the proposed scheme.

There are a variety of ways to take part in the consultation, including on-line questionnaires, face-to-face drop-in sessions, attending local community meetings and online events. These will take place between now and Monday April 7 2025 when the consultation will come to an end.

Cllr Stewart Swinburn, Portfolio Holder for Housing, said: "The areas where the council is considering implementing this scheme have significant problems. East Marsh is in the top 1% of most deprived wards in the country; life expectancy is the lowest in the borough, and the crime rate is the highest in the borough. 24.6% of people live in fuel poverty.

"East Marsh also has some of the highest concentrations of private rented accommodation, high levels of anti-social behaviour, poor property conditions, and frequent reports of nuisance noise and fly-tipping. Heneage Ward is in the top 1% of most deprived areas in the country and, in Sidney Sussex, 39.5% of households within the proposed Area of Action are experiencing household deprivation.

"We want to tackle these issues, but before we can introduce a licensing scheme we must show why we think this kind of scheme is needed, and what kind of problems it is trying to tackle," he said.

Selective Licensing would give the council extra powers to take enforcement action against those landlords that do not comply, if necessary, through the courts. It would also include powers to punish poor landlords with large fines. Registered Social Landlords and their properties would be exempt from Selective Licensing.

Cllr Swinburn continued: “We would like to hear from anyone who would welcome and support the scheme or be affected by this proposal, including landlords, tenants, agents, members of the public, local businesses and professional bodies, such as the National Residential Landlord Association, Shelter (national homelessness charity), Humberside Police, Humberside Fire and Rescue and other key stakeholders.

“It is very important that we gather as many views as possible and that we consider these views, so I urge people to take part in this consultation so that we can get as clear a picture as possible.”

Cllr Nicola Aisthorpe, Chair of the Cabinet Working Party on Selective Licensing, said: “Whilst we acknowledge that there are many decent landlords out there providing good quality housing and support for their tenants, significant challenges persist in the private rented sector across parts of the borough, particularly in the East Marsh, Heneage, and Sidney Sussex wards, where many homes suffer from appalling conditions, such as severe damp, mould-infested walls, inadequate heating, and hazards that threaten tenants' safety.

“The plan to consult on the introduction of Selective Licensing is the result of months of collaboration by the cross-party working group and council officers, supported by detailed analysis and proven strategies from other successful schemes.

“The scheme aims to create a partnership between landlords, tenants, and the council to improve housing standards and provide better rental opportunities. It also seeks to address any harmful practices. Successful schemes in other areas have indicated that when landlords and Councils work together on schemes, housing conditions improve, crime and anti-social behaviour reduces and landlords have more sustainable and manageable tenancies, which in turn benefits the wider neighbourhood and community.

“With this consultation we are inviting residents, landlords and stakeholders to share their views and work together to shape a better future for our community.”

Full details about the proposal including fees, licence conditions and scheme boundaries can be found at www.nelincs.gov.uk/have-your-say. Here you can also have your say by answering questions and leaving comments. There are questions for each type of stakeholder together with a library of all the documents about the proposed schemes. A paper copy of the scheme can be provided upon request.

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I already pay an agent to manage my property why should I pay for a licence?

Managing agents and letting agents are largely unregulated and whilst some are members of recognised bodies, there is no minimum standard, qualification or independent verification of the standard of service provided by managing agents. In our experience not all managing agents are fully authorised to address significant disrepair or fully address poor tenant behaviour. Our findings also indicate that a large proportion of the most uncompliant/poorly managed properties have managing agents involved.

As a council we believe the introduction of selective licensing will formalise the management responsibilities and ensure that good practice is implemented throughout private rented homes in the designated area. We will also independently inspect properties to ensure they are compliant with minimum legal standards

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How do I find out if Selective Licensing affects my property?

The proposed Selective Licensing areas can be found within the evidence report by visiting www.nelincs.gov.uk/have-your-say

Should a Selective Licensing scheme, be designated, notification will be given which will include a designated area map outlining which areas are affected.

How would I apply for a Selective Licence for my property?

If a Selective Licensing scheme is designated, the landlord will be able to apply for a licence via the Council's website. A link to this will be made available at the time the application process opens.

How long would a Selective Licence application take for the Council to process?

If the scheme is adopted, the Council will look to have an online application system, which will speed up the application process. However, the time taken to process an application varies dependent on what information and documentation is provided when an application is made. We cannot put a definitive timescale on the processing of an application but would endeavour to process all applications expediently.

How would I pay for my Selective Licence?

If a Selective Licensing scheme is designated, you will be able to pay for your Selective Licence via the application portal. The application fee will be split into two parts. The second part of the payment will be required prior to a final licence being granted.

How much would I have to pay for a Selective Licence?

The Council has proposed a fee structure between **£899 and £1,284 (£3.45-£4.93 per week)** for a 5-year period. dependent on how many discounts a landlord is eligible for. There are circumstances where proposed discounts would apply for example the early bird discount, bulk application and/or charity who provides sustainable housing. Licences last for a maximum

duration of five years, running from the day on which the licence is granted. The Council has discretion to issue a licence for a shorter period where appropriate.

If I have more than one property, would I need a Selective Licence for each?

If you have more than one private rented sector property which falls within a designated Selective Licensing area, a licence will be needed for each property.

Is Selective Licensing a money-making scheme for the Council?

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Would I be entitled to a refund if I sell my property during a Selective Licensing scheme?

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Would a licence transfer to a new buyer if I sell my property during a Selective Licensing scheme?

No, selective licences cannot be transferred from one person to another. If you sold a property during a Selective Licensing scheme you would need to contact the Council so that the existing licence could be revoked, and the purchaser would need to apply for a new license if the property remained in the private rented sector.

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Will my landlord put up my rent to cover the cost of licensing?

There is little evidence to suggest that landlords would increase rents and we do not expect them to do so, however some landlords may consider this.

Will my landlord evict me?

There is little evidence to suggest that landlords evict tenants to avoid the licensing scheme.

My landlord is a good landlord, why are they being victimised?

Whilst some landlords are good, others may not be. The scheme is aimed at levelling the rental market in the area, so that landlords who do provide good properties and management practices, are not affected by landlords who do not.

The Landlord / Letting Agent

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22 January 2025

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We want to consult all affected people, such as tenants, residents, managing agents, businesses, charities, Police, Fire Service, local councillors etc. It is very important that we gather as many views as possible and that we consider these views.

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