# OPTIONS TO INCREASE CONTROLS FOR HOUSES OF MULTIPLE OCCUPATION (HMO'S)

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# **HEADLINES**

#### **Summary**

Following the Council motion adopted in July 2024, this report sets out the process for considering 'Additional Licensing' for Houses of Multiple Occupancy and further options to deal with emerging issues in the private rented sector.

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This report supports our ambition for residents / the Council of: Live in good quality, affordable homes in connected communities

This report supports our commitments to residents of: Thriving, Healthy Households

And the Hillingdon Housing Strategy

#### **Financial Cost**

Costs to scope, formulate and consult on an Additional Licensing Policy – circa £50,000

Costs to administer and enforce any Additional Licensing Policy will become clearer through the policy scoping exercise

Relevant Select Committee

Residents' Services Select Committee

Relevant Ward(s)

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# **RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### That the Cabinet:

- Notes the process and requirements, including the gathering of evidence and concerns, required for the consideration of an Additional Licensing Policy for Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO) and authorises the Corporate Director of Place to gather all the necessary data and present to the Cabinet Member for Resident's Services (subject to the Cabinet Members agreement on additional expenditure).
- 2. Upon the advice of the Corporate Director of Place that the data collated has been gathered in accordance with the appropriate legislation, and upon review it supports the concept of an additional licensing scheme, whilst taking into account any additional resources required, then subject to the agreement of the Cabinet Member for Residents Services, authorises the necessary consultation on an additional licensing scheme, taking into full consideration any equality impact assessment and the Council's social housing allocation policy.
- Authorises the Corporate Director of Central Services to prepare evidence to assess whether an extension to the part-borough Small HMO Article 4 Direction (nonimmediate) can be justified and present to the Cabinet Member for Resident's Services.
- 4. Upon the advice of the Corporate Director of Central Services and Director of Planning, Regeneration & Environment that the evidence gathered supports the extensions of the HMO Article 4 Direction, then subject to the agreement of the Cabinet Member for Residents' Services authorises officers to prepare an Article 4 Direction extending the withdrawal of permitted development rights for small HMOs to cover all wards in the borough.
- 5. Agree that the outcomes of any consultations relating to additional licensing be reported back to Cabinet to consider any further determinations on such matters.

#### Reasons for recommendation

The Full Council passed a motion on 11 July 2024, resolving to address issues outlined below:

"That this Council recognises the problems caused by unlicensed HMOs in the borough, from anti-social behaviour to poor housing conditions. This Council is committed to ensuring good quality housing in the borough and resolves that a report be sent to Cabinet considering the sufficiency of evidence required under Part 2 Housing Act 2004 to extend licensing obligations to all properties with 3 bedrooms housing multiple unrelated occupants and to commence consultation on the implementation of this additional licensing obligation where it is justified."

The recommendations in this report would enable Cabinet to meet the commitments made within the motion with due consideration of the relevant legal and regulatory frameworks set out below:



- The Council is required to gather information and evidence in support of any decision whether to introduce an Additional Licensing Policy. The data requirements span many services as well as drawing on Police and London Fire Brigade data. Recommendation 1 will ensure that the Council has the data required to consider whether introducing Additional Licensing in specific areas or across the entire borough is justified proportionate.
- As part of the process of considering an Additional Licensing Policy, the Council must have regard to the current housing stock within the borough so that the amount of HMO properties can be estimated. The Council has a duty to carry out a Housing Stock Survey regularly and this is now due. The results of this survey will assist the Council in considering areas and types of property to which any Additional Licensing Policy will apply. It will also be used to inform a resourcing plan for the Council's Private Sector Housing Service.
- The data and analysis required to provide supporting evidence for Additional Licensing Policies is complex and spans a range of different Council and external systems. Specialist data gathering and analysis resources will need to be utilised to complete this part of the process and therefore resources will be required to undertake this work. Funding may be available through the Transformation Capital Funds for this work should Cabinet decide that this analysis should be undertaken.
- In addition to additional licensing measures the potential exists for the council as the Local Planning Authority to withdraw permitted development rights for changes of use from dwelling houses (Use class C3) to small HMOs (Use Class C4). An assessment would be required to demonstrate the harm arising from the operation of the current permitted development rights to justify an extension of the existing part-borough Article 4 Direction for small HMOs, to cover the whole borough. This assessment could be undertaken at the same time as the Stock Condition Survey and assessment of the grounds for additional licensing requirements.

It is noted that many other authorities across London have introduced similar schemes to the one discussed in this report and set out in Appendix 1, however, until the Council concludes the data analysis, it will not know whether justification exists to introduce an Additional Licensing Policy either across the whole borough or in specific areas. Once the data is gathered and analysed an informed decision can be reached on whether Additional Licensing is required in Hillingdon to deal with emerging issues and improve standards in HMO's.

Alongside consideration of Additional Licensing, the Council must plan and prepare for the introduction of further powers under the Renters Rights Bill to regulate the private rented sector. Data analysis will assist the Council with resource planning for the introduction of expected new powers.

#### Alternative options considered / risk management

 Do nothing/continue with the current arrangements. This would not meet the commitments made in the Council motion and would not have any impact on the issues arising within the private rented sector or future implications of the Renters Rights Bill. This option is not recommended.



2. Consider the use of other powers to deal with issues with HMO's i.e. further interventions and enforcement for housing standards breaches, use of ASB and envirocrime powers, further education and engagement with private landlords to achieve higher standards of management within the sector. This option is viable and can be used either in isolation or alongside an Additional Licensing Policy, where justified.

# **Democratic compliance / previous authority**

This report ensures Cabinet duly considers the request from the Full Council in a timely manner. Any proposed Additional Licensing Policy will have to go through the required legal and democratic process and, if to be taken forward, will form a further report to Cabinet. The steps in the process are detailed below in the 'Supporting Information' section. Any decision to the extend the Article 4 Direction for small HMOs would require approval by Full Council.

#### **Select Committee comments**

None at this stage. However, the Residents' Services Select Committee maintains strong oversight and scrutiny on all housing related matters, and it may decide to consider any of these proposals as part of any planned consultations on them.

# SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### 1. HMO Definition

- 1.1 A House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) is a single dwelling where facilities such as bathrooms and kitchens are shared by three or more unrelated individuals. In planning terms, a small HMO (between 3-6 persons) falls within Use Class C4. Current legislation allows a family dwelling (Use Class C3) to change to a small HMO (Use Class C4) without planning permission, i.e. by using 'permitted development' rights.
- 1.2 The Housing Act 2004 and supporting regulations require that an HMO is licensed if it is occupied by five or more persons living in two or more separate households ('Mandatory Licensing').
- 1.3 Local authorities may require further categories of HMO's to be licensed ('Additional Licensing'). This part of the Housing Act 2004 is adoptive and may be introduced in areas only where there is a justification that meets the requirements in the Housing Act 2004.
- 1.4 Larger HMOs (more than 6) are classified as 'Sui Generis', and therefore do not have permitted development to change from a C3 or C4 use property into a Larger HMO. Planning permission for this type of development is still required.
- 1.5 Local Authorities also have the power to require all privately rented properties to be licensed. This is called a selective licensing scheme. Selective licensing can only be introduced where the evidence demonstrating that such as scheme is necessary meets the legal requirements.



#### 2. The Private Rental Sector in Hillingdon

- 2.1 Of the 109,000 dwellings in Hillingdon at the last census, more than a quarter (26%, 28,411) were in the private rented sector. There are approximately 900-1000 licensed or known HMO's operating in the borough.
- 2.2 Hillingdon has experienced an increase of 7.8% in private renting between the 2011 and 2021 census. This is the second-largest percentage-point rise (alongside Harrow) in London. The number of rented residences within the private rented sector is also escalating significantly.

#### 3. Emerging HMO Concerns

- 3.1 The Private Sector Housing Team currently deals with enforcement issues under the requirements of the Housing Act 2004 and the Housing Health and Safety Rating system (HHSRS) and enforce fire safety and amenity standards within all HMOs (whether required to be licensed or not) across the borough. The team works in partnership with London Fire Brigade on fire safety in HMOs.
- 3.2 HMO's are often associated with having a higher risk of fire than single family dwellings due to increased occupancy, multiple ignition sources, vulnerable occupants, poor construction and lack of fire prevention measures.
- 3.3 In Hillingdon, although the numbers are low, there has been a steady increase in fires reported in HMOs year on year up until the end of the calendar year 2023. Fire is one of the most common hazards identified by Private Sector Housing through reactive and proactive inspection and enforcement work. Mandatory licensing allows the Council to ensure that all HMOs in the scheme have working mains powered smoke alarms and that the electrical installation is checked and maintained. Additional licensing could ensure an adequate level of fire safety is provided in further HMOs.
- 3.4 The Council receives around 15 20 complaints per month about HMOs from residents and external agencies including London Fire Brigade and the Metropolitan Police. Complaints are also being received from Social Services colleagues. Complaints include anti-social behaviour, parking difficulties, knife crime, arson and waste management issues. Some recently created HMOs specifically target clients who have presenting needs such as mental health, drug and alcohol concerns and ex-offenders.

#### 4. Legislative Process to introduce Additional Licensing

- 4.1 The Housing Act 2004 ('the Act') provides for licensing to be extended by a local authority to include HMOs not covered by mandatory licensing. To introduce additional licensing the Council must satisfy Sections 56 and 57 of the Act.
- 4.2 Compliance with Section 56 –
  To satisfy this section, the Council must be able to evidence that HMO's which would be subject to additional licensing i.e. 3 bed spaces, are being managed



'sufficiently ineffectively' or are giving rise to particular problems for tenants and/or members of the public. The Council will need to analyse data to provide information to demonstrate additional licensing is necessary. The following are some examples of the types of data which would identify HMOs in the borough and provide information on how HMO's are being managed in the borough;

- Housing standards/disrepair complaints.
- Reports of fire risk.
- · Reports of overcrowding.
- Reports of unfair trading/lease/contract issues.
- Reports of noise/disturbance.
- Complaints about ASB/drugs/crime/prostitution, etc.
- Enviro-crime data i.e. waste accumulation/pests.
- · Fuel poverty data.
- Council tax/benefit fraud.
- 4.3 The consideration of any proposal for additional licensing must have regard to data specifically for HMO's which are outside of the current regulatory powers and are within the additional licensing definition. The Council will need to demonstrate that HMO's which are within the current regulatory framework produce one set of data and those that are within the proposed additional licensing framework, would produce another set of data.
- 4.4 The Council will need to consider whether there is enough data to justify additional licensing for specific areas within the borough or for the entire borough. Therefore, the data analysed must be able to mapped geographically to correlate issues in particular areas.
- 4.5 The Council's Business Intelligence Service could be utilised to support the required data collection and analysis but additional capacity will be needed to undertake this work. Alternatively, the Council could seek external consultant services to complete this process.
- 4.6 Compliance with Section 57
  In order to satisfy this section, the Council must demonstrate that it has considered the use of existing powers to deal with problems identified. This will include existing powers to deal with; housing standard and disrepair complaints specifically for all types of HMO (either Mandatory or Additional), ASB, nuisance, enviro-crime, etc.
- 4.7 Furthermore, the Council must demonstrate that it has considered how an additional licensing policy will integrate with its Housing Policy, having regard to homelessness, empty properties and ASB within the private rented sector.
- 4.8 The Council will also need to have regard to its housing stock to recognise the importance of HMO's of all sizes as part of the overall housing offer throughout the borough. This will involve the analysis of data from a recent Housing Stock Survey.



# 5. Requirements for a full consultation should Additional Licensing be proposed

- 5.1 If the data analysis outlined above supports and justifies Additional Licensing, the Council has a duty to consult extensively with all persons likely to be affected by the policy. This will include, tenants, landlords and their associations/professional bodies, communities, partner agencies, neighbouring boroughs etc.
- 5.2 Steps the Council will need to take to ensure that the consultation is extensive and will meet the legal requirements of the Housing Act 2004;
  - Full engagement with residents and residents associations.
  - Engagement with Ward Councillors.
  - Engagement with the Private Sector Landlords Forum.
  - Engagement with known Hillingdon landlords/Managing agents and Landlord Associations.
  - On-line consultation survey to seek views.
  - Notifications to all surrounding councils advising on proposal.
  - Notification to Landlords Associations for comments.
  - Engagement with organisations with a significant amount of transient tenants i.e. Brunel University, NHS, etc.
  - Engagement with the Metropolitan Police and Police Crime Commissioner.
  - Engagement with the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority.
  - Engagement with internal Council Services i.e. Community Safety, Youth Justice, Care Leavers, Street Scene etc.

#### 6. Benefits of Additional Licensing

6.1 Since October 2018, all HMOs which have 5 or more occupants forming 2 or more households fall within the remit of Mandatory Licensing. In Hillingdon, many HMOs still exist where there are 3 or more occupants forming 2 or more households and which are not subject to mandatory licensing requirements. An Additional Licensing scheme covering these dwellings would help to address the challenges presented by HMOs in the borough through strengthening landlord responsibility for standards and tenant conduct.

Considering the issues that Hillingdon is experiencing in the borough with HMOs introducing an additional licensing scheme in part or in its entirety would have a positive impact on residents. This would create equality in the protections offered to HMO residents and drive improvements in conditions in HMOs more generally. The scheme would therefore become a major influence on the Council's Social Housing Allocation Policy. This policy is currently out to public consultation and will be presented to Cabinet to consider in November 2024.

- 6.2 Landlords may experience the following benefits from an Additional Licensing policy:
  - Responsible landlords will receive information and support to help tackle antisocial behaviour.



- Poor performing landlords will receive support and training to help them improve.
- Improved rental income as areas are maintained and improved.
- Increase of property value.
- Improvement in the reputation of private landlords.
- Shorter void periods.
- Landlords who have voluntarily engaged with a recognised accreditation scheme can also benefit from a reduced licensing fee.
- Greater ability for the landlord and authority to deal with problematic tenants.
- 6.3 Tenants may experience the following benefits from an Additional Licensing Policy:
  - More professional landlords providing good quality homes.
  - Likelihood of improvements to their properties.
  - Licence conditions will create a clear set of rules that all HMO landlords must follow.
  - Reduced risk of homelessness and increased length of stay.
  - Licensing would ensure private landlords are managing and maintaining their properties.
  - Minimum standards for rented housing are met.
- 6.4 Communities may experience the following benefits from an Additional Licensing Policy:
  - Increased housing demand.
  - Reduced crime and ASB through new licence conditions.
  - An area's image is improved and more desirable to live in.
  - Improved security and more settled communities.
  - Reduced number of empty properties.
  - Better housing standards.
  - Reduced environmental problems, such as waste accumulation, pests and flytipping.
  - Landlords will also have to give and ask for references for their tenants.
  - Protecting vulnerable people who may currently be living in poorly maintained properties.

#### 7. Planning Options – Article 4

7.1 Current legislation provides permitted development rights for small family homes to be converted into small HMOs for between 3 and 6 people. This eases the process by which this type of accommodation can be created but hampers the council's ability to manage the impact of such changes. As a result, a number of London boroughs have introduced Article 4 Directions to withdraw these permitted developments including Ealing, Hounslow, Barnet and Brent in west London. An Article 4 Direction does not mean that it would not be possible to carry out conversions of family houses to small HMOs, but it would allow the council to consider the impact of these conversions through the need for planning permission. It is important to note that the Article 4 Direction would only apply to HMOs created after the date it came into effect and could not be applied retrospectively to existing HMOs.



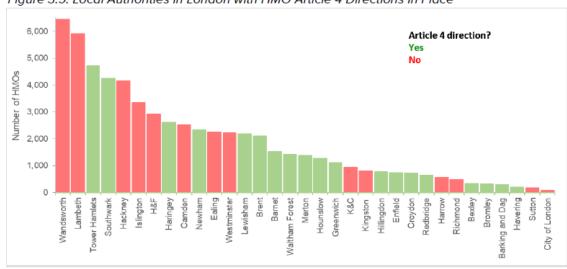


Figure 3.9: Local Authorities in London with HMO Article 4 Directions In Place

Source: Census 2021 (via Nomis https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/)

7.2 Hillingdon already has a part-borough Article 4 Direction which was introduced in 2013 removing permitted development rights for HMOs for the wards surrounding Brunel University where there was strong evidence of the negative impacts arising from the use of small HMOs for student accommodation. There was insufficient evidence in 2013 for making the borough wide direction. However, the situation has moved on since 2013 and the housing evidence suggests increasing issues in relation to HMOs across the borough.

# 8. Legislative Process to Introduce an Article 4 Direction

- 8.1 Should a decision be made that the council wishes to progress with the gathering evidence for an extension to the part-borough Article 4 Direction then the recommendation would be that a non-immediate Article 4 Direction is taken forward.
- 8.2 The national planning guidance on Article 4 Directions has changed since the current HMO was introduced in 2013. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) now states that any proposed Directions should:
  - Be limited to situations where an Article 4 direction is necessary to protect local amenity or the well-being of the area.
  - Be based on robust evidence, and apply to the smallest geographical area possible.
- 8.3 It is also important to highlight that the Secretary of State has the power to modify or cancel Article 4 Directions where they consider these tests have not been satisfactorily met. Therefore, work needs to be undertaken to justify the extension of the HMO Article 4 Direction to become borough-wide. This would need to establish information on the following:
  - The extent of small HMOs (C4) within the borough.
  - Whether it is likely these will decrease or increase in the future.



- Whether this is a borough-wide issue or if it is more localised.
- Determine the harm to the amenity and well-being of the area from this type of development.
- 8.4 If it was deemed appropriate to recommend an Article 4 Direction, this would be presented to Full Council for determination. This would include the extent and timeframes for implementing the direction. There would need to be a consultation period of at least 21 days when representations concerning the direction may be made to the local planning authority. The direction is also sent to the Secretary of State.
- 8.5 As a non-immediate Article 4 Direction, the direction would not come into force until a minimum of 12 months after it was first made and advertised, in order to remove compensation liability.

#### 9. Links to Corporate Priorities

- 9.1 Hillingdon Housing Strategy 2021/22 to 2025/26 has 'Leading on Improving Housing Standards' as one of five priorities. The strategy highlights the need to develop a more detailed understanding of the private rented sector including its condition, linked to potential concerns regarding fire precautions, inadequate heating, subdividing of properties, overcrowding, damp and mould growth and poor housing conditions for vulnerable households. The strategy includes an action to 'gather evidence regarding the prevalence of poor conditions in the different parts of the private rented sector and consider the feasibility of different discretionary licensing options.'
- 9.2 The proposed evidence assessment is highly likely to inform wider strategic and policy issues which the Council can consider. For example, conversions of sheds/garages/outbuildings, exploitation, modern slavery and trafficking, immigrants arriving through Heathrow, vulnerable tenants etc. Once issues are identified and evidenced, the Council will be in a strong position to consider measures to tackle wider policy areas.
- 9.3 There is a strong chance that many more converted dwellings will be identified through the housing stock survey, which could lead to additional Council Tax and Business Rate income streams for the Council.

#### 10. HMO Controls in Neighbouring Boroughs

10.1 The legal controls that are in place in our neighbouring London boroughs will have an influence on how likely it is that a developer or landlord will seek to establish a new HMO in Hillingdon. The controls in place in west London authorities are summarised below.



Borough	Additional licensing	Selective Licensing	Article 4
Barnet	✓	✓	✓
Brent	✓	✓	✓
Ealing	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	✓
Hammersmith & Fulham	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	*
Harrow	✓	✓	*
Hounslow	✓	×	✓
Kensington & Chelsea	<b>√</b>	*	×

### 11. Renters Rights Bill

- 11.1 On 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 the Government introduced the Renters Rights Bill. This Bill, if implemented in full, will introduce a range of new legal requirements and controls in the private rented sector, many of which will add to the responsibilities of local authorities. No information is available currently on how local authorities will be funded to deliver these new responsibilities. Proposed changes include:
  - Applying a Decent Homes Standard to the private rented sector for the first time, enforced by local authorities. Landlords who fail to address serious hazards could be fined and face prosecution for non-compliance.
  - Banning rental bidding wars by prohibiting landlords forcing tenants to bid for their properties. Landlords and letting agents will be legally required to publish an asking rent for their property. They will also be banned from asking for, encouraging, or accepting any bids above this price.
  - Banning in-tenancy rent increases written in to contracts to prevent landlords implementing too high rents mid-tenancy. Under these reforms, landlords will only be allowed to raise the rent once a year, and to the market rate.
  - Abolishing blanket bans on tenants with children or those in receipt of benefits to ensure fair access to housing for all.
  - Introducing a new Private Rented Sector Database to help landlords understand their obligations for compliance and provide tenants the information they need to make informed choices for new tenancies.
  - Strengthening local authority enforcement by expanding civil penalties, introducing a package of investigatory powers.
  - Bringing in a new requirement for local authorities to report on enforcement activity.
- 11.2 The Bill, when enacted will have a significant impact on the workload of the Private Sector Housing Service as it will introduce a Decent Homes Standard for the Private Rented Sector along with new enforcement powers providing greater sanctions. This is likely to bring additional inspection requirements and additional service demand into the Service.



11.3 The completion of an up-to-date Housing Stock Survey will enable the Council to better understand the implications of these new powers by providing a full property profile of the private rented sector and indicating the number of HMO's across the borough.

#### 12. Conclusion

- 12.1 This report outlines the necessary steps and considerations for the council to evaluate the implementation of an Additional Licensing Policy for Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs) in Hillingdon. The recommendations would enable the council to determine whether additional controls on HMOs in the borough would help to address the issues identified with unlicensed HMOs, including anti-social behaviour, poor housing conditions, and safety concerns. The process involves gathering extensive data, consulting with various stakeholders, and assessing the resource requirements for effective enforcement.
- 12.2 The workstreams mentioned in this report are currently unbudgeted however, the projects could be undertaken by utilising the capital transformation budget to fund additional resources for data collection and analysis.
- 12.3 The Council must also consider the implications of the Renters Rights Bill, which will introduce new regulatory responsibilities and enforcement powers.

# **Financial Implications**

All initial feasibility costs connected to the proposed licensing controls and private sector option changes will be contained with existing budgets. Once feasibility works have been identified resulting from HMO and Private Sector changes, costs connected to these works will be assessed for budgeting purposes to ensure operational ongoing financial impact will be fully contained within service area resources

# RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

#### The benefit or impact upon Hillingdon residents, service users and communities?

Implementing the recommendations within this report will allow the Council to take full stock of the current concerns with HMO's. Data gathered will provide information on ASB, disrepairs, community impact, etc which will heavily influence the Councils HMO strategy and/or Additional Licensing Policy. Data will highlight concentrations of HMO's in the borough allowing the Council to consider specific strategies for different areas enabling a targeted approach to HMO regulation and enforcement. Once data is gathered and the recommended strategy is proposed, residents and the wider community will have an opportunity to submit their views to the Council for full consideration through a full public consultation exercise.



#### Consultation carried out or required

There is no requirement for public consultation on the recommendations in this report at this stage, however, should the Council propose an Additional Licensing Policy based on the analysis that it is necessary to undertake, a full public consultation and engagement exercise will commence. As Additional Licensing would have significant impact on HMO administration and management in the borough, a long consultation period would be recommended. Councils usually consult for 10-12 weeks to ensure that appropriate time is given to full engagement exercises. If an Article 4 Direction is implemented this would require consultation in accordance with the relevant legislative requirements.

# CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

#### **Corporate Finance**

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and concurs with the Financial Implications set out above, noting there are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations in this report.

# Legal

Legal Services confirm that the report accurately sets out the legal position relating to the possible introduction of additional licensing for HMOs and/ or restricting permitted development rights through an Article 4 Direction.

Both statutory processes require a strong evidence base to show that a significant proportion of HMOs are being managed ineffectively so as to give rise to particular problems for occupants or members of the public and, in relation to Article 4, that it is necessary to restrict permitted development rights to protect local amenity or the well-being of an area.

In addition, before any further restrictions can be introduced statutory consultation is required and decisions made by the Council in relation to additional licensing may require approval from the Secretary of State. Further, the Secretary of State has power to revoke an Article 4 direction.

Further legal advice will be given as necessary as the evidence base is collated to assess whether the statutory criteria for further action by the Council are satisfied.

#### BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Housing Act 2004 (legislation.gov.uk)
- The Licensing and Management of Houses in Multiple Occupation (Additional Provisions)
  (England) Regulations 2007 (legislation.gov.uk)
- Houses in multiple occupation and residential property licensing reform: guidance for local housing authorities - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)



# **Appendix 1- Controls on HMOs in other London Boroughs**

Property Licensing Schemes Across London				
	Mandatory	Additional	Selective	
Barking & Dagenham	√	Consultation ended April 2024	Scheme Ended 31 August 2024	
Barnet	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	×	
Bexley	<b>√</b>	×	×	
Brent	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	
Bromley	<b>√</b>	×	×	
Camden	✓	✓	×	
City of London	<b>√</b>	×	×	
Croydon	<b>√</b>	×	×	
Ealing	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	
Enfield	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	
Greenwich	✓	✓	✓	
Hackney	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	
Hammersmith & Fulham	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	
Haringey	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	
Havering	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Hillingdon	✓	×	×	
Hounslow	✓	✓	×	
Islington	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	
Kensington & Chelsea	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	
Kingston Upon Thames	<b>√</b>	×	×	
Lambeth	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	
Lewisham	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Merton	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	
Newham	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	
Redbridge	✓	✓	✓	
Richmond Upon Thames	<b>√</b>	×	×	
Southwark	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	
Sutton	✓	×	×	
Tower Hamlets	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Waltham Forest	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	
Wandsworth	√	Consulting on additional licensing ends 14 Oct 2024	Consulting on selective licensing ends 14 Oct 2024	
Westminster			×	

