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By email: david.hobbs@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Dear David Hobbs,

Thank you for your email that enclosed Nottingham City Council's (the Council) application seeking the Department's confirmation of its decision to designate parts of the borough as subject to selective licensing under section 80(1) of the Housing Act 2004.

The Council has applied to the Department for confirmation of its application made in respect of the proposed area. In its application, the Council considers the general conditions specified under Part 3 of the Housing Act 2004 and Selective Licensing of Houses (Additional Conditions) (England) Order 2015 are satisfied in relation to the designation, namely that a designation will contribute to an improvement in general housing conditions in the area, and that private rented housing in the designated area is experiencing high levels of deprivation, high levels of crime and significant and persistent anti-social behaviour.

**Housing Conditions**

**I have determined that the Council's application successfully demonstrates evidence to meet the statutory criteria in relation to housing conditions.** The application satisfies Articles 3 and 4 of the Selective Licensing of Houses (Additional Conditions) (England) Order 2015 and,

in respect of housing conditions, satisfies the additional legal requirements of Part 3 of the Housing Act 2004.

I am satisfied on the evidence presented that the making of the designation will, when combined with other measures, contribute to an improvement in general housing conditions in the area.

#### **High levels of deprivation**

I have determined that the Council's application successfully demonstrates evidence to meet the statutory criteria of high levels of deprivation. The application satisfies Articles 3 and 6 of the Selective Licensing of Houses (Additional Conditions) (England) Order 2015 and, in respect of high levels of deprivation, satisfies the additional legal requirements of Part 3 of the Housing Act 2004.

I am satisfied on the evidence presented that the making of the designation will, when combined with other measures, contribute to an improvement in the levels of deprivation in the area.

#### **High levels of crime**

I have determined that the Council's application successfully demonstrates evidence to meet the statutory criteria of high levels of crime. The application satisfies Article 7 of the Selective Licensing of Houses (Additional Conditions) (England) Order 2015.

I am satisfied on the evidence presented that the making of the designation will, when combined with other measures, contribute to an improvement in the levels of crime in the area.

#### **Significant and persistent anti-social behaviour**

I have determined that the Council's application successfully demonstrates evidence to meet the statutory criteria of anti-social behaviour. The application satisfies Article 80(6) of the Housing Act 2004.

I am satisfied that on the evidence presented that the making of the designation will, when combined with other measures, contribute to an improvement in the levels of anti-social behaviour in the area.

**The Designation is therefore approved on housing conditions, high levels of deprivation, high levels of crime and significant and persistent anti-social behaviour.**

**I therefore confirm the Council's proposed designation is subject to selective licensing from 1 December 2023.**

I would ask the Council to keep me informed of progress in these areas, annually by undertaking a review of the effectiveness of licensing in tackling the issues. This information will provide greater understanding on the practical application of selective licensing schemes and inform the development of future policy.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Maclean', with a small dot at the end.

**RACHEL MACLEAN MP**

Minister of State for Housing and Planning