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30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Sir / Madam

## **Selective Licensing Designation**

I am writing to you today as you have a Selective, Additional or Mandatory licence in the city, or you have signed up to the Private Rented Service mailing list and you may be impacted by a recent Newcastle City Council Cabinet decision.

Stakeholder consultation was undertaken between November 2020 and January 2021 on the Councils proposal to redesignate Selective Licensing schemes in the Greater High Cross and Byker Old Town areas of the city.

Following consultation an analysis of the results was undertaken and a review of the original licensing proposal took place. No changes to the proposed designation were made following this review.

A proposal was taken to Newcastle City Council Cabinet on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 to redesignate both areas for a further 5 years on the grounds of Anti-Social behaviour. Cabinet agreed to designate both Selective Licensing areas. The cabinet papers can be found <u>here</u>.

## Designation

The formal Designation Notice is enclosed and will be published regularly in the local newspapers over the next three months. The Designation Notice and plan may be inspected on the council website at <a href="www.newcastle.gov.uk/propertylicensing">www.newcastle.gov.uk/propertylicensing</a> or at West End Library & Community Hub, Condercum Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 9JH and East End Library and Community Hub, Shields Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 1DL

## Implementation

The scheme will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

Landlord training and support will be in place prior to commencement of the scheme to ensure landlords have the opportunity to be equipped with the tools and knowledge to enable compliance.

The 5-year licence fee for a Selective Licence is £650 and will be paid in two parts

- 1. £175 at the time the application is submitted, and
- 2. £475 at the time the licence is issued.

Income generated from the licence fee is ring fenced to licensing activities including administration, enforcement and on costs.

## Compliance

Applications for a licence must be submitted by the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021. Applications can be made online at <u>https://newcastle.metastreet.co.uk</u>.

If you need help in completing your application please watch this YouTube video

## **Next Steps**

Information about the scheme, licencing standards and the application process will be available over the coming months and will be published at <a href="https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/propertylicensing">www.newcastle.gov.uk/propertylicensing</a>.

If you would like to receive regular updates about the scheme, along with other useful information about changes to legislation and landlord events please contact the Private Rented Service Newcastle at <u>privaterentedservice@newcastle.gov.uk</u> to register for the monthly landlord e bulletin.

If you no longer wish to receive emails from the private rented service please email privaterentedservice@newcastle.gov.uk

If you are no longer the owner, managing agent or licence holder of a licensable property please email <u>propertylicensing@newcastle.gov.uk</u> as the Selective or HMO licence will need to be updated.

Should you have any questions please email propertylicensing@newcastle.gov.uk

Yours Faithfully

Ed Foster Head of Service Public Safety & Regulation

# THE NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL DESIGNATION OF AN AREA FOR SELECTIVE LICENSING GREATER HIGH CROSS AND BYKER 2021.

The Council of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne in exercise of its power under section 80 of the Housing Act 2004 ("the Act") has designated for Selective Licensing the area described below.

## AREA TO WHICH THE DESIGNATION APPLIES

This designation shall apply to the streets within each of the three areas as described in Parts 1 - 3

## PART 1 Greater High Cross Area

The area bounded by Adelaide Terrace to the north; St Johns Road to the east; Atkinson Road to the west; and Armstrong Road to the south and the area bounded by Armstrong Road to the north, east by Atkinson Road; South Benwell Road to the west; and Whitehouse Road to the south.

#### PART 2 Byker Old Town Area

The area within Byker Old Town bounded by Welbeck Road to the south, Roman Avenue to the east Grace Street to the north and Bothal Street to the west.

## PART 3 Byker Allendale South

The area of Allendale South consisting of 63-189 Allendale Road, 1-7 Bird Nest Road, Chatsworth Gardens, Irthing Avenue and Relton Avenue.

## CITATION, COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION

This designation may be cited as The Newcastle City Council Designation of an Area for Selective Licensing Greater High Cross and Byker 2021.

This designation is made on 21 June 2021 and shall come into force on 1 October 2021. The Housing Act 2004: Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation and Selective Licensing of other Residential Accommodation (England) General Approval 2015 applies to this designation.

This designation shall cease to have effect on 30 September 2026 or earlier if the Council revokes the scheme under section 84 of the Act.

The Designation Notice and plan may be inspected on the council website at: <u>www.newcastle.gov.uk/propertylicensing</u> or at the addresses detailed below:

West End Library & Community Hub, Condercum Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 9JH and East End Library and Community Hub, Shields Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 1DL

Any private landlord, property manager or tenant, owning managing or occupying a property within this area is advised to seek advice at the address below to determine whether their property is affected by the designation.

Public Safety and Regulation, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Civic Centre, Barras Bridge, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 8QH. Telephone number 0191 277 1456. Email: propertylicensing@newcastle.gov.uk

## CONSEQUENCES OF FAILING TO LICENCE A PROPERTY

Private landlords who own property in the area or any person who controls or manages property in the area will be required from 1 October 2021 to apply for a licence. Applications for licences can be obtained at the above address. Failure to licence a property if required, may lead to prosecution and an unlimited fine or the imposition of a civil penalty.

Dated 29 JUNE 2021 BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL

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