

Private Rented Licensing

Social Impact

Nottingham City Council's Private Rented Sector Licensing Department have commissioned an independent assessment of the social impact of Nottingham's Private Rented Licensing schemes. The project aims to identify and measure the wider social value and long-term impact of Licensing on individuals, communities, the wider city and the environment, and to use that evidence to maximise future social impact.

What is Private Rented Licensing?

The private rented sector is growing, however it still has some of the poorest and most inconsistent standards in housing overall, creating poor outcomes for tenants and communities. Nottingham City Council is committed to ensuring 'Homes Fit for the Future' for all, regardless of what type of home they live.

For more information about Private Rented Licensing, visit our website: <https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/housinglicensing>

Private Rented Licensing forms part of a concerted effort to sustain improved standards in the private rented sector. There are currently three Licensing schemes in Nottingham, focusing on different categories of private rented properties. Landlords in these categories whose properties fall within licensed areas must have a licence and their properties must meet certain standards in order for them to have the legal right to let.

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Private rented licensing explained

Mandatory HMO Licensing	Additional HMO Licensing	Selective Licensing
<ul style="list-style-type: none">National scheme since 2006 which local councils must carry outApplies to private rented properties shared by five or more people from more than one household	<ul style="list-style-type: none">First introduced in certain parts of Nottingham in 2014 where the council has evidence of a need to improve standards of quality and safetyApplies to private rented properties shared by three or more people from more than one household	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduced in certain parts of Nottingham on 1 August 2018 where the council has evidence of a need to improve standards of quality and safetyApplies to private rented properties with one household

What is a House in Multiple Occupation (HMO)?

- A property (or part of a property) with more than one household (e.g. not members of same family)
- Tenants usually share at least one amenity, such as a kitchen, sink or toilet
- Can also include shared flats within a larger building.

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What is social impact?

Social impact is about capturing a broader definition of value that includes the worth or importance stakeholders place on changes (impacts) to their wellbeing that are not captured through ‘traditional’ financial accounting.

In this case, we want to understand what impact Private Rented Sector Licensing has on the wellbeing of individuals and communities that are directly affected by Licensing, as well as the long-term effects on the city and the environment. Having this information helps inform decision-making, based on a broader concept of value that considers long-term impacts.



Social Value International: 8 Principles of Social Value
<https://socialvalueuk.org/principles-of-social-value/>

What does this mean for you?

The heart of social impact is understanding changes from the perspective of those who are most impacted.

We want to involve people and organisations that are affected by, or affect, Private Rented Sector Licensing in Nottingham, to understand what changes, how those changes happen, and what value you place on those changes.

Throughout the Social Impact assessment, we will be reaching out to people to gather their views and information – making sure we meet the guiding Principles of Social Value, to involve stakeholders, to understand what changes, and measure what matters.

For more information about the Private Rented Licensing social impact project, contact sophia.beswick@nottinghamcity.gov.uk