

Public Notice

London Borough of Hackney

Notice of designation of an area for Selective Licensing

Section 83 of the Housing Act 2004

1. The London Borough of Hackney (the “Council”) in exercise of its powers under section 80 of the Housing Act 2004 (the “Act”) has on the 27 November 2025 designated the area of its district as subject to selective licensing described at paragraph 3. The designation will be known as the London Borough of Hackney Designation of an Area for Selective Licensing 2025.
2. The designation shall come into force on the 1 May 2026 and shall cease to have effect on the 30 April 2031.
3. The designation applies to the entire district of each of the seventeen ward areas of Brownswood, Cazenove, Clissold, Dalston, De Beauvoir, Hackney Central, Hackney Downs, Hackney Wick, Homerton, King’s Park, Lea Bridge, London Fields, Shacklewell, Springfield, Stamford Hill West, Stoke Newington and Victoria as delineated and highlighted purple on the map annexed hereto (the “Designated Area”).
4. The effect of the designation is that every house within the Designated Area that is occupied under a tenancy or licence shall be required to be licensed under section 85 of the Act unless a statutory exemption applies, namely:
 - (a) the house is a house in multiple occupation (“HMO”) that is required to be licensed under section 55(2)(a) of the Act (mandatory licensing);

(b) the house is a HMO that that is required to be licensed under the London Borough of Hackney Designation of an Area for Additional Licensing 2025 made on 1 December 2025 under section 56 of the Act (additional licensing);

(c) a temporary exemption notice is in force in relation to the house under section 86 of the Act;

(d) an interim or final management order is in force in relation to the house under Part 4 of the Act; or

(e) the house is occupied under a tenancy or licence which is exempt as defined in section 79(3) of the Act or article 2 of the Selective Licensing of Houses (Specified Exemptions) (England) Order 2006 (exempted tenancies or licences).

5. The designation did not require confirmation by the Secretary of State because a general approval under section 82 of the Act applied to it, namely the Housing Act 2004 Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation and Selective Licensing of Other Residential Accommodation (England) General Approval 2024.

6. The designation may be inspected, during office hours by appointment, at the Private Sector Housing Team's offices at 2 Hillman Street (The Annexe) London E8 1FB (contact details below).

7. Applications for licences and information and advice regarding the designation and how to apply for a licence may be obtained from the Council's Private Sector Housing Team at the above offices. Their contact details are as follows:

- Telephone: 020 8356 4866

- Website: www.hackney.gov.uk
- Email: property.licensing@hackney.gov.uk
- Mail: Private Sector Housing Team, Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street , London, E8 1DY

8. Landlords, managing agents or tenants of properties within the Designated Area are advised to seek advice on whether their property is affected by the designation by contacting the Council's Private Sector Housing Team.
9. Upon the designation coming into force any person having control of or who manages a house or who is the landlord or licensor in relation to a person occupying the house which is required to be licensed commits an offence if the house is not licensed, and any licence holder or a person on whom restrictions or obligations under a licence are imposed and who fails to comply with any condition of the licence commits an offence, and such persons may be prosecuted and on summary conviction ordered to pay an unlimited fine or alternatively may be made subject to a financial penalty not exceeding £30,000. A failure to licence a house which is required to be licensed may also lead to an application for a rent repayment order under section 41 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016. Further, no notice under section 21 of the Housing Act 1988 notice may be given in respect of an assured shorthold tenancy of the whole or part of an unlicensed house so long as it remains unlicensed.

Signed: 

Dated: 01 December 2025

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ANNEX - Selective Licensing Designation Map

