



City of Westminster

Revocation of Part of the Westminster City Council Designation of an Area for Additional Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation 2021

Westminster City Council in exercise of their powers under section 60 of the Housing Act 2004 (“the Act”) hereby revokes part of the Westminster City Council Designation of an Area for Additional Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation 2021.

1. The revocation will be effective from 1 October 2021. The revocation relates to all Houses in Multiple Occupation ("HMOs") in the City of Westminster to which s.257 of the Act applies.
2. The Westminster City Council Designation of an Area for Additional Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation 2021 has been revoked in part for in summary the following reasons:
 - (a) The Covid-19 pandemic has had a major impact on Westminster’s economy. As people are changing the way they live and work, falling rents have had an adverse impact on landlords.
 - (b) The Council’s focus will be on protecting the most vulnerable HMO residents, namely residents in s.254 HMOs, which are not required to be licensed under mandatory licensing. Residents in these s.254 HMOs are more likely to be living in substandard conditions and often exposed to cold rooms, damp and severe overcrowding.

THE COMMON SEAL of THE LORD MAYOR AND CITIZENS
OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER)
Was hereunto affixed:)



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