

## **Selective Licensing**

This is a scheme that requires all private rented properties in the designated areas to be licensed by the city council. These include parts of Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields, Fosse, Westcotes, Stoneygate and Saffron wards. All privately rented properties in the designated areas are included in the scheme unless they are exempt. It is one of only three similar schemes in the country. The others are in Nottingham, Coventry and Stoke-on-Trent.

Privately rented properties occupied by five or more people living as two or more households are covered by mandatory HMO licences and are not included in this scheme.

Selective licensing places conditions on landlords to ensure issues such as gas and electrical safety, installation of smoke, fire and carbon monoxide alarms are adequately dealt with, along with matters such as repairs and maintenance, waste disposal, tenancy management and issues connected with anti-social behaviour.

The area included in the scheme is around the Church of the Nativity. It extends to Macaulay Street, Shakespeare Street, Knighton Fields Road West, Hughenden Drive, Aylestone and Richmond Road.

The initial inspection process is expected to take 6 months with further inspections planned if any concerns were raised when the property was first visited. The selective licensing scheme is a non-profit scheme. The fee is for each property and is just over a £1000. However, discounts are available if certain conditions are met such as registering for the scheme in the first six months or providing not only the correct but also up to date paperwork. All money received from licensing fees will be used to cover the cost of implementing and running the scheme by 20 inspectors, 10 support staff and a City Warden who will be solely responsible for dealing with any problems from privately rented properties in the three clusters or areas.

The scheme came into force on 10 October 2022 and will run for a period of five years after which it will be reviewed.

The City Council believes that the scheme will help to tackle some of the issues arising from privately rented properties. However, only time will tell.

For further information, please see:  
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