

You Said...

We Did...

Sefton's proposals to introduce Selective and Additional (HMO) licensing have now been approved and the schemes will commence on March 1, 2018

The Council expresses its thanks to everyone who responded to the consultation and the full results are available on its website at [www.sefton.gov.uk/selective-licensing](http://www.sefton.gov.uk/selective-licensing). The consultation focused on the areas of Sefton proposed for licensing, the fee structure and licence conditions. Following consideration of your feedback, the following changes were made to the scheme.

You Said...

- Oxford Avenue in Bootle should be included

We Did...

- include Oxford Avenue within the defined selective licensing area for Bootle.

You Said...

- good and professional landlords were being penalised in order to catch/punish the rogue element of landlords.

We Did...

- increase the time landlords can apply for accreditation from 3 to the first 6 months of the scheme and included a new discount for those properties where the licence is held by a Sefton accredited managing agent.

You Said...

- landlords cannot make or be responsible for making tenants put their rubbish out

We Did...

- Make this clearer and the licence holder should ensure that 'The tenants are adequately informed by their landlord of their duty with regards to refuse collection'.

You Said...

- it was unfair to expect landlords to supply window lock keys when not available, since not easy to obtain

We Did...

- change this to read "Where window locks are fitted, and keys are available the licence holder will ensure that keys are provided to the relevant occupant. Issues of disrepair to windows will continue to be addressed within Housing Act 2004, Part 1.

You Said...

- information given in confidence should not be passed to the Council, this was appealed by a landlord of another authority and upheld by a first-tier tribunal.

We Did...

- change condition Selective 3.8 (g) and Additional 3.8 (i) to read 'Undertake an investigation of any complaints of anti-social behaviour regarding their tenants. Written records of these will be required excluding any information which the licence holder reasonably believes to have been provided to him in confidence by a third party.