

Public Legal Notice

Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council

Designation of an area for Selective Licensing

1. Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council ("The Council") **HEREBY GIVES NOTICE** in accordance with Section 80 of the Housing Act 2004 ("the Act") that the Council in exercise of its powers under Section 80 of the Act has designated an area of Bootle in Sefton, Merseyside, as described in Appendix 1 as being subject to Selective licensing from 1st March 2023.
2. The designation was made on 18 October 2022 and will come into force on 1st March 2023. The designation will last for 5 years and will cease to have effect on 28th February 2028 or earlier if the Council revokes the scheme under section 60 of the Act.
3. There is no longer a requirement for designations of such licensing scheme to be confirmed by the Secretary of State as a general approval under section 58 of the Housing Act has been issued through The Housing Act 2004: Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation and Selective Licensing of Other Residential Accommodation (England) General Approval 2015.
4. The designation is available for inspection by appointment, between 9:00 and 17:00 on weekdays, or if you would like to make an application for a licence or require general advice you should contact:

Sefton Council
Housing Standards
Ground Floor, Magdalen House
30 Trinity Road
Bootle, L20 3NJ

Telephone: 0345 140 0845
Email: landlord.licensing@sefton.gov.uk
www.sefton.gov.uk

5. The designation applies to any privately rented property that is not a licensable house in multiple occupations or subject to any statutory exemption and is occupied under a tenancy or a licence.
6. A full list of all streets affected, and a copy of this notice will be posted on the Sefton Council website.
7. If you are a landlord, a person managing a property, or a tenant of a property within the areas of the designation you are advised to seek advice from the Council on whether your property is affected by the designation.
8. Under the designation coming into force on 1st March 2023 any person having control of or managing a licensable property without a licence shall be guilty of an offence under Section 95 (1) of the Act and shall be liable to be served with A Civil Penalty Fine up to a maximum of £30,000 or be liable to prosecution and upon summary conviction liable to a fine of any amount. A person who breaches a condition of a licence is liable to a Civil Penalty Fine up to a maximum of £30,000 or liable to prosecution and upon summary conviction liable to a fine of any amount. Furthermore, Housing Benefit payments may be recovered by way of a rent repayment order as set out in section 96 (5) and (6) and section 97 of the Housing Act 2004.



Dated 18th October 2022

Chief Legal & Democratic Officer & Monitoring Officer
Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council