

# Private Sector Housing Accreditation Project

## Synopsis of other LB licensing positions

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This is an informal information summary describing the position other London Borough have taken in regard to Private Rented Sector (PRS) Licensing.

Terms – Under the Housing Act 2004

- Mandatory Licensing – Refers to all existing Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) with more than 5 unrelated households in a building with occupied rooms over at least three floors. Possibly affects 3 – 5k in Southwark
  - Additional Licensing – Affects other HMO properties and can be by geographical area or across the Local Authority area
  - Selective Licensing – Affects all PRS properties in general and can be by geographical area or across the Local Authority area
1. Newham - Obviously the starting point. Have now had borough wide selective and additional licensing since Jan 2013.
    - a. They have licensed 28k of 30k PRS properties.
    - b. Fees are £500 for each property and £950 - £1550 for larger HMO properties.
  2. Waltham Forest – At consultation now for borough wide selective licensing.
    - a. Consultation period is 11 weeks.
    - b. Fee structure has similarities with the Newham model
  3. Haringey – Additional licensing in 1 ward and moving forward to extend to 5 more
    - a. The data presented in consultation has been repeatedly challenged under FOI.
    - b. NLA has submitted evidence rebutting consultation data.
  4. Camden – Moving forward with whole borough Additional licensing
  5. Westminster – Licensing proposals for HMO and Leaseholders on Council estates
  6. Hounslow – Additional licensing plans for 5 wards

7. Islington - Plans only at present
8. Kensington & Chelsea – Interest in developing HMO licensing
9. Barnet – Member interest