



New Selective Licensing Scheme proposal - Give your feedback

Instructions

- Write as **clearly** as you can— these forms might be scanned
- Write your answers in the same language as this form

About you

1. In what capacity are you replying to this survey?

Please select all options which apply to you.

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|---|---|
| ☐ A letting or managing agent | ☐ A private landlord |
| ☐ A business owner/manager in the proposed selected licensing area | ☐ An organisation representative based in or covering the proposed selected licensing area |
| ☐ A private tenant in County Durham | ☐ County Durham resident (not a private tenant) |
| ☐ Other | |

If 'Other', please specify

2. If you are replying on behalf of an organisation or voluntary sector group, who do you represent?

3. If you are a letting or managing agent or a private landlord, how many properties do you own or manage that are in the proposed selective licensing areas?

**Only choose one option.*

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| ☐ 0 | ☐ 1 |
| ☐ 2-4 | ☐ 5-9 |
| ☐ 10-49 | ☐ 50+ |
| ☐ Will no longer be affected by the proposed new scheme | ☐ Not an agent or landlord |

4. **If you are a resident in County Durham (whether a private tenant or not), do you live in the proposed selective licensing area?**

**Only choose one option.*

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know
☐ Not resident in County Durham

5. **What is your postcode?** (optional)

We ask this question to ensure we have a response from across the county and to see which area you are in with regards to the proposed selective licensing process. This will not be used for any other purpose.

About your local area

6. **Do you agree or disagree that privately rented properties contribute to low demand in your local area, such as low property prices, empty properties or a high level of properties up for sale or to let?**

**Only choose one option.*

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|--|--------------------------------|
| ☐ Strongly agree | ☐ Agree |
| ☐ Neither agree nor disagree | ☐ Disagree |
| ☐ Strongly disagree | |

7. **If you agree that privately rented properties contribute to low demand in your local area, how do you feel they do so?**

8. Do you agree or disagree that privately rented properties contribute to significant and persistent antisocial behaviour in your local area, such as noise, nuisance, rubbish dumping or untidy yards or gardens?

**Only choose one option.*

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|--|--------------------------------|
| ☐ Strongly agree | ☐ Agree |
| ☐ Neither agree nor disagree | ☐ Disagree |
| ☐ Strongly disagree | |

9. If you agree that privately rented properties contribute to antisocial behaviour in your local area, how do you feel they do so?

10. Do you agree or disagree that privately rented properties contribute to deprivation in your local area, such as low income households, poor health, poor living conditions or high unemployment?

**Only choose one option.*

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|--|--------------------------------|
| ☐ Strongly agree | ☐ Agree |
| ☐ Neither agree nor disagree | ☐ Disagree |
| ☐ Strongly disagree | |

11. If you agree that privately rented properties contribute to deprivation in your local area, how do you feel they do so?

12. Do you think that privately rented properties in your area are...

**Only choose one option.*

- ☐ Well managed
- ☐ Neither well nor poorly managed
- ☐ Poorly managed
- ☐ Don't know

13. Why do you think this way - what do you think contributes to how privately rented properties are managed in your area?

About our proposals

14. Do you agree or disagree with our proposals for the new selective licensing scheme?

**Only choose one option.*

☐ Strongly agree

☐ Agree

☐ Neither agree nor disagree

☐ Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

15. If you disagree with the proposal, can you think of any other ways in which we can improve the quality and management of privately rented properties in County Durham?

16. Do you agree or disagree with the proposed areas for the new selective licensing scheme?

**Only choose one option.*

☐ Strongly agree

☐ Agree

☐ Neither agree nor disagree

☐ Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

17. If you disagree with the proposed areas, please specify where and why.

18. What do you feel the impact of introducing a selective licensing scheme will be upon you or your business?

**Only choose one option.*

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|---|--------------------------------|
| ☐ Extremely positive | ☐ Positive |
| ☐ Neither positive nor negative | ☐ Negative |
| ☐ Extremely negative | |

19. Why do you feel this is the case?

About the licence fee

20. If we choose to implement this new selective licensing scheme, do you feel the charge of approximately £700 per licence is...

**Only choose one option.*

- ☐ Too much
- ☐ About right
- ☐ Too little

21. Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to introduce a discount for early licence applications?

**Only choose one option.*

☐ Strongly agree

☐ Agree

☐ Neither agree nor disagree

☐ Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

About the licence conditions

22. Do you agree or disagree with the proposed licence conditions?

**Only choose one option.*

☐ Strongly agree

☐ Agree

☐ Neither agree nor disagree

☐ Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

Other comments

23. Do you have any other comments about the need for licensing in your area and/or the proposals (including fees and conditions) for selective licensing within County Durham?

About you

Our aim is to involve as many people as possible in local decision making and, as such we would like to make sure everyone has the opportunity to become involved. If you could answer a few questions about yourself, it will help us monitor our performance.

24. What is your gender? **Only choose one option.*

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Prefer to self-describe

If 'Prefer to self-describe', please specify

25. Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (go to Q27)

26. Do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day-to-day activities? **Only choose one option.*

- ☐ Yes, a lot
- ☐ Yes, a little
- ☐ Not at all

27. What is your age? **Only choose one option.*

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|--|-----------------------------|
| ☐ Under 18 (go to Q29) | ☐ 18-24 |
| ☐ 25-34 | ☐ 35-44 |
| ☐ 45-54 | ☐ 55-64 |
| ☐ 65-74 | ☐ 75+ |

28. How would you best describe your sexual orientation? **Only choose one option.*

- ☐ Heterosexual/straight
- ☐ Bisexual
- ☐ Gay or Lesbian
- ☐ Other

If 'Other', please specify

29. What is your ethnicity? **Only choose one option.*

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| ☐ White British | ☐ White non-British |
| ☐ Asian or Asian British | ☐ Black or Black British |
| ☐ Arab or Middle Eastern | ☐ Mixed Race |
| ☐ Travelling Community | ☐ Other |

If 'Other', please specify

30. What is your religion or belief? **Only choose one option.*

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ☐ Buddhism | ☐ Christianity |
| ☐ Hinduism | ☐ Islam |
| ☐ Judaism | ☐ Sikhism |
| ☐ No religion | ☐ Other |

If 'Other', please specify

31. Are you, or have you ever been, a member of the armed forces? **Only choose one option.*

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

32. Have you ever been in care/are you care-experienced? **Only choose one option.*

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Proposed New Selective Licensing Scheme survey.

Please return your completed survey by **Wednesday 12 August 2026** to your local library or by post to:

Consultation & Engagement team
Durham County Council
Rivergreen Centre
North Road
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If you wish to become more involved in local decision-making, deciding together what should happen, then you can join Let's Talk County Durham at www.letstalkcountydurham.co.uk.