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Selective Licensing has only been introduced in certain areas. You can search for a property by clicking on the button (see right) to see if it's within the Selective Licensing area.



<https://myaccount.peterborough.gov.uk/resident/selectivelicensingcheck>

### How have the Selective Licensing areas been chosen?

The council has chosen the Selective Licensing areas using independently produced data.

The [Office for National Statistics \(https://www.ons.gov.uk/\)](https://www.ons.gov.uk/) (ONS) collects and analyses economic and demographic data across the country to help local and central government decision making.

The ONS splits the whole of the UK into small areas called Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs), each with a population of approximately 1,500. These areas are independent of political boundaries (such as [councillor wards or parliamentary constituencies](#)) and can be used to assess differences across cities and regions.

The initial test is that Selective Licensing can only be introduced in areas where the private rented sector is greater than 19% of the total housing stock by number of dwellings. All the individual LSOAs where Selective Licensing has been introduced exceed that, and the total for the selected areas represents just under 40% of Peterborough's total private rented sector.

If an LSOA has exceeded 19% PRS, it is considered for Selective Licensing. The council has, however, only selected those areas that are also above the Peterborough average in at least five of the six criteria set out in the Housing Act.

These are:

- > Low housing demand
- > A significant and persistent problem caused by anti-social behaviour
- > Poor property conditions
- > High levels of migration
- > High levels of deprivation
- > High levels of crime