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Peterborough City Council has today launched a public consultation about introducing a Selective Licensing scheme in several areas of the city.

Selective Licensing allows councils to require residential landlords to obtain a licence for each privately rented property they have in the proposed area. This consultation follows changes earlier in the year to the legislation which widen the selection criteria that councils can use to decide whether to designate areas for Selective Licensing.

Launching the consultation, Peter Hiller, the Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development said:

“Peterborough is an ambitious city with exciting plans for growth. But growing populations can mean additional challenges such as anti-social behaviour, overcrowding and reported crime. Selective Licensing aims to tackle some of these issues and improve the quality of life for all by ensuring a high standard of management of private rented properties. The council acknowledges that many landlords do provide decent well-managed and well maintained accommodation and we are looking to ensure that all privately rented properties in the proposed designated areas are managed to a high standard.

“We are keen to get people’s feedback about the proposed scheme and are writing to about 40,000 landlords, tenants and owner occupiers to invite their views. People can also visit our website to find out more and complete an online questionnaire. We will also be holding a series of public exhibitions over the coming weeks about the proposals.”

The areas that the council is proposing to designate for Selective Licensing are located in the following wards:

- > Central
- > North
- > East
- > Park
- > Fletton and Woodston
- > Bretton North
- > Stanground Central
- > Walton
- > Orton Longueville

The public consultation will last for 12 weeks from 22 October 2015 to 14 January 2016. Further information is available from the [Selective Licensing consultation section](#) of the website.