

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

HOUSING ACT 2004

SELECTIVE LICENSING OF PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that on 6 July 2026 Brighton & Hove City Council (“the Council”) make a designation under section 80(1) of the Housing Act 2004 (“the Act 2004”) designating an area in its district comprising of two wards, Central Hove and Regency as subject to selective licensing in relation to private rented properties, other than those with exempted tenancies or licences or houses in multiple occupation (“HMOs”) within the Council’s Mandatory or Additional HMO licensing schemes. The designation does not require confirmation by the Secretary of State as it falls under a general approval issued by the Secretary of State under section 82 of the Act, namely The Housing Act 2004: Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation and Selective Licensing of Other Residential Accommodation (England) General Approval 2024 ('the General Approval'). The designation will come into force on 20 October 2026 and unless revoked beforehand it will remain in force for a period of five years from that date. The Council’s contact details for these purposes are Private Sector Housing, Brighton & Hove City, Council, Hove Town Hall, Norton Road, Hove, BN3 3BQ, Telephone: 01273 293156, Email: psh@brighton-hove.gov.uk.

A copy of the designation may be inspected at the Above address 9.30am to 4.30pm weekdays. Please make an appointment with the Private Sector Housing Team before visiting. To view the designation online and for general advice on private sector housing go to <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/housing/private-housing>. Any landlord, person managing or tenant of private rented property in the designated area is advised to contact the Council for advice on whether their property is affected by the designation.

On 20 October 2026 applications for licences will be made available online at Brighton & Hove City Council. Failure to license a property that is required to be licensed is a criminal offence and could result in a fine, financial penalty, the loss of the right to manage the property or the making of a rent repayment order. In addition, it is not possible to serve an eviction notice under Section 21 of the Housing Act 1988 on tenants of an unlicensed licensable property.

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Dated: 6th July 2026