

PUBLIC NOTICE

WIRRAL COUNCIL – DESIGNATION OF AREAS FOR SELECTIVE LICENSING SECTION 80, HOUSING ACT 2004

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of December 2023 Wirral Council (Town Hall, Brighton Street, Wallasey, CH44 8ED) in exercise of its powers under Section 80 of the Housing Act 2004 (“the Act”) designated 4 areas, namely parts of Birkenhead and Wallasey described in the Schedule below as being subject to selective licensing from 1st April 2024.

The designation may be inspected between 9.00 and 17.00 on weekdays at:
Birkenhead Town Hall, Mortimer Street, Birkenhead, CH41 5EU.
Tel: 0151 606 2000. Email: concierge@wirral.gov.uk

If you are a landlord, a person managing a property, or a tenant of a property within the areas of the designation you are advised to seek advice from the Council on whether your property is affected by the designation.

If you wish to do this, to obtain a licence or if you require a licence application or any general advice regarding the designation you are advised to contact the Selective Licensing Team within Housing Services at: Housing Standards Team, Wirral Council, PO Box 290, Wallasey, CH27 9FQ.
Tel: 0151 691 8132. Email: selectivelicensing@wirral.gov.uk

The designation falls within a description of designations for which the Secretary of State has issued a General Approval under Section 82 of the Act, namely the Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation and Selective Licensing of Other Residential Accommodation (England) General Approval 2015. Therefore, the designation need not be confirmed and will come into force on 1st April 2024 and unless previously revoked, this designation shall cease to have effect on 31st March 2029.

Upon the designation coming into force on 1st April 2024 any person having control of or managing a licensable property without a licence is liable to prosecution under Section 95(1) of the Act and upon summary conviction is liable to an unlimited fine or under Section 249A a financial penalty not exceeding £30,000. In addition, such a person may be required, pursuant to a rent repayment order, to repay up to 12 months' rent under the provisions of Section 96 and Section 97 of the Act.

Schedule

The designation shall have effect to any property situated, at any time during the designation, within the Lower Super Output Areas listed below.

Copy plans of the areas affected and a copy of this notice will be posted on the Wirral Council website and on noticeboards in Council buildings in or nearest to the areas subject to the designation.

Area 1 Bidston & St James West (LSOA E01007123) this includes properties in:

ARKLE ROAD, BOUNDARY ROAD, CHALLIS STREET, COLLIN ROAD, CURLENDER CLOSE, EGAN ROAD, ELMTREE GROVE, FLAYBRICK CLOSE, GAUTBY ROAD, HOBLYN ROAD, HOYLAKES ROAD, LARCH GROVE, MAPLEWOOD GROVE, MERCER ROAD, NAYLOR ROAD, OAKWOOD DRIVE, OAKWOOD PARK, OBSERVATORY ROAD, ROSEMARY CLOSE, ST JAMES ROAD, TAPESTRY GARDENS.

Area 2 Birkenhead West (LSOA E01007127) this includes properties in:

ALVANLEY PLACE, BENTINCK CLOSE, BENTINCK PLACE, BENTINCK STREET, CATHCART STREET, CLAUGHTON ROAD, CLAUGHTON PLACE, CONWAY DRIVE, CONWAY STREET, COLE STREET, CRAVEN STREET, CRAVEN CLOSE, EDGAR COURT, EXMOUTH WAY, EXMOUTH GARDENS, FOX STREET, GLADSTONE CLOSE, GRANGE ROAD WEST, GRANGE PLACE, HILTON CLOSE, KEIGHTLEY STREET, KNOWLES STREET, PARK ROAD EAST, PARK CLOSE, PATERSON STREET.

Area 3 Egremont North (LSOA E01007218) this includes properties in:

BROOK CLOSE, CHURCHILL GROVE, DEVON AVENUE, EDENHUST AVENUE, EMPRESS ROAD, EXETER ROAD, GREENWOOD LANE, IVOR ROAD, MANOR LANE, MANOR ROAD, MARTINS LANE, OXFORD ROAD, PENKETT ROAD, POOLEY CLOSE, SEABANK ROAD, SERPENTINE ROAD, STRINGHEY ROAD, TRAFALGAR ROAD, UPPER RICE LANE, VICARAGE GROVE, WALMSLEY STREET, WESLEY AVENUE, WITHENS LANE.

Area 4 Seacombe St Paul's (LSOA E01007273) this includes properties in:

ACACIA GROVE, BELLE VUE ROAD, BERWICK WAY, BIRKENHEAD ROAD, BRIARDALE ROAD, BRIDLE AVENUE, BRIDLE ROAD, CHURCH CRESCENT, CHURCH ROAD, GENEVA ROAD, HAWTHORNE GROVE, JAMES STREET, LEVER AVENUE, LUCERNE ROAD, LUKE STREET, MATTHEW CLOSE, MATTHEW STREET, NEW STREET, NORMAN ROAD, NORTH WILLIAM STREET, OAKDALE AVENUE, PALATINE ROAD, PALMERO CLOSE, PERCY ROAD, PETER STREET, PRIMROSE GROVE, ST PAUL'S AVENUE, ST PAUL'S ROAD, VERNON AVENUE, VIVIAN AVENUE, WHEATLAND LANE, WILLIAM STREET.

Dated 13th December 2023
Jill Travers
Director of Law & Governance
Wirral Council

www.wirral.gov.uk/selectivelicensing