

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICE HOUSING ACT 2004 SECTION 56

DESIGNATION OF THE AREA OF THE DISTRICT OF OXFORD CITY COUNCIL FOR ADDITIONAL LICENSING OF HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION 2010

1. Oxford City Council, in exercise of the powers under Section 56 of the Housing Act 2004 ("the Act") hereby designates the area of the district of Oxford City Council for the additional licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation ("HMOs"). The Designation falls within a description of designations for which the Secretary of State has issued a General Approval dated 30th March 2010.
2. The designation was made on 18th October 2010 and comes into force on the 30th January 2012 and will last for 5 years.
3. The designation applies to all two storey or single storey Houses in Multiple Occupation that contain three or four occupiers and all self contained flats that are Houses in Multiple Occupation, irrespective of the number of storeys, but, so far as concerns section 257 Houses in Multiple Occupation, the designation is limited to those that are mainly or wholly tenanted, including those with resident landlords.
4. If you wish to inspect the designation, make an application for a licence or require general advice you should contact:

Oxford City Council
Environmental Development
Ramsay House
10 St Ebbes Street
Oxford OX1 1PT
Tel: 01865 252887
Email: hmos@oxford.gov.uk
5. Any landlord, person managing, or tenant in the area of the district of Oxford City Council should seek advice from the Authority on whether their property is affected by this designation.
6. Failure to licence a property, which requires licensing by virtue of this designation, may result in a fine of up to £20,000 on summary conviction under the provisions of section 72 of the Housing Act 2004. It also gives tenants and the local authority, in the case of housing benefit payments, the ability to apply to a Residential Property Tribunal under the provisions of section 73 (5) and (6) and section 74 of the Housing Act 2004 for a rent repayment order, in accordance with the provisions of those sections.

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