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Cc: Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum
Subject: Consultation on Selective Licensing of Private Rented Housing- HNF submission

Dear Sirs

We wish to make a late submission to the consultation and would be very grateful if our comments could be taken into consideration. Apologies for missing the original deadline.

The Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum's (HNF) membership is drawn primarily from the Harlesden and Kensal Green (ward) community, and HNF works closely with other local stakeholders in the aim of making our area a better place to live and work.

The HNF is in favour of the new selective licensing scheme proposed, which includes designation of our local ward in Phase 1. The Forum is very supportive of Brent's drive to improve the condition of housing in the private rented sector, but also keen to see solutions that aim to tackle anti-social behaviour. Having reviewed the evidence base it is encouraging to see that the pilot scheme, over the last five years, has raised substantial funds for the Council to invest in enforcement and compliance, for the benefit of members of our community dealing with the consequences of London's insecure and expensive housing market.

The HNF also supports the proposal of the Phase 2 extension, which would bring these benefits to more of the Borough.

With thanks,

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