

# Have your say!

We want your views on new planning and licencing controls over houses in multiple occupation (HMOs) within Bath

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[www.bathnes.gov.uk/hmo](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/hmo)



**Bath & North East  
Somerset Council**



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Local Development Framework

This joint public consultation is being run by the Council's Planning & Housing Services. Bath & North East Somerset Council is seeking to use available powers to gain extra control over houses in multiple occupation, to:

- control their future growth
- improve the standard and management of these properties

## The Planning Control proposals

- "Article 4 Direction" which will mean planning permission will be needed to change use from a family home into a small house in multiple occupation from 1st July 2013
- Introduce detailed policy to determine these planning applications. Neighbourhoods with high existing concentrations of houses in multiple occupation will have future restrictions imposed.
- Planning controls cannot be applied to existing houses in multiple occupation

*The draft Houses of Multiple Occupation in Bath: Supplementary Planning Document outlines the proposed policy approach and will show whether your house/ street will be affected by the future planning controls.*

*The consultation on this Supplementary Planning Document is subject to Cabinet approval of the draft document for public consultation. The Cabinet meeting to decide this will be held on 10th October 2012.*

## The Housing Licencing proposals

- The Council is considering extending its current licencing scheme to require all shared houses in multiple occupation centred around Oldfield, Westmoreland and Widcombe to be licensed.
- Landlords will have to apply for a licence from the Council which will contain conditions to improve standards and management.
- This will be applied to new and existing houses in multiple occupation.
- This consultation will run from the 17th Sept – 30th Nov

The additional licencing consultation document outlines all the proposals in detail including the draft licencing criteria and a map of the suggested area to be covered.

## Events in Bath

### Market Stalls

#### **Bath Spa University Student Union**

18th October, 11am – 2pm

#### **University of Bath Student Union**

23rd October, 11am – 2pm

### Open Events

*Drop-in at anytime during the session*

#### **One Stop Shop, 2 – 4 Manvers Street**

23rd October, 6 – 8.30pm

*Briefing presentations will be run at 7pm and 8pm*

#### **St Alphege's Parish Hall, Oldfield Lane**

24th October, 5.30pm – 8pm

#### **Oldfield Baptist Church Hall, Moorland Road**

25th October, 3 – 5pm

*Both consultations run until 30th November 2012.*

You can make comments and find out more online at [www.bathnes.gov.uk/hmo](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/hmo)  
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