

## **Decision Notice in Terms of Section 24 of Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 Participation Request submitted by Woodlands and Park Community Council**

Woodlands and Park Community Council request was validated on 12/04/18.

### **Outline of Request**

Woodlands and Park Community Council outlined the following outcome in their Participation Request:

To refuse to consider new licence applications for houses in multiple occupation (HMO's) without planning permission in the Woodlands area, in terms of section 129A of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, so as to halt the continuing decline in residential amenity caused by an increasing number of licensed HMO's without planning permission.

Participation Input:

Request to be involved in the outcome of the consultation process 'Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 Consultation on future policy development for the Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation' launched by Glasgow City Council in February 2018, beyond submission of consultation response.

### **Decision**

Having considered the Participation Request fully and amongst other things, the matters outlined in Section 24 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, Glasgow City Council is refusing this request.

There is currently an ongoing public consultation process, which Woodlands and Park Community Council have indicated that they are engaging with. Woodlands and Park Community Council have indicated a desire to be 'involved' in the outcome of said consultation process.

Glasgow City Council's reasons for refusing this request are that the desired outcome is not an improvement in the Community Council's area, but instead one method by which such an improvement might be achieved. The view that refusing to consider certain kinds of HMO licence applications would halt an apparent decline in residential amenity is a matter which will require to be considered further as part of the evidence gathering process and cannot at this stage be taken to be a statement of fact.

To facilitate such evidence gathering, the HMO Consultation process currently in place proposes to engage with Woodlands and Park Community Council, other community councils and local stakeholder/interest groups as part of a focus group and evidence sessions. This opportunity will allow participants to put forward their views which will form part of the decision making process of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Glasgow City Council considers the aforementioned evidence session to be an opportunity for Woodlands Community Council to be involved in the HMO Consultation process beyond the submission of their consultation response. As such the participation input, as detailed by the applicant, would be met by the process already in place.

As indicated above, Woodlands and Park Community Council would be in formal dialogue with Glasgow City Council, along with other Community Councils, which is intended to be an enhancement of the existing public consultation. The desired outcome as stated by the

applicant prejudices the outcome of the public consultation and enhanced dialogue that the Woodlands and Park Community Council would be participating in.

Glasgow City Council looks forward to working positively with Community Councils across the city, including Woodlands and Park Community Council.

Based on the reasons as given above, Glasgow City Council has made the decision to reject Woodlands and Park Community Councils Participation Request.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mairi Millar', positioned above a horizontal red line.

Mairi Millar  
Legal Manager (Licensing)