

**Submission received from M. Castle and G. Cracknell on 3/11/2019**

We have downloaded the draft proposals and believe them to be fair. Our response to the ToR is as follows:

1. Are the proposed licensing regulations fair and proportionate ?  
Yes.
2. Have concerns from stakeholders been addressed in the revised draft, post consultation?  
We believe so.
3. What impact will the regulations have?  
The regulations, hopefully, should ensure properties currently considered to be sub standard, will be improved in accordance with your Public Health & Safety Requirements.
4. Is the proposed licensing inspection regime a duplication of the current non-compulsory 'rent safe' scheme?  
No, it is an improvement.
5. Will the cost of licensing increase the cost of renting?  
Possibly, if the annual licence is incorporated (or considered) at the rent review.
6. Is the Department sufficiently resourced to undertake the scale of inspections these regulations will bring into force?  
With the increased revenue from the application fee and annual licence fee as stated in your review, we hope the Department is sufficiently resourced to undertake the scale of inspections proposed.

We hope this reply will be of some use to your Department.

Yours sincerely

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