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Dear [name redacted]

Freedom of Information – Request for Information

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

Details of Your Request

1. Have you introduced a selective landlord licensing scheme?
2. When did you introduce your selective licensing scheme(s)? Is it borough wide or specific neighbourhoods?
3. What is the license fee (or fee structure)? How did you determine this structure? Does this make the scheme self-financing?
4. How has the income from the license fee been used to improve housing?
5. Since selective licensing was introduced, how many landlords have been prosecuted for a) failing to obtain a license under the selective licensing scheme and b) other offences under Parts 1 and 2 of the Housing Act 2004?
6. For the participating areas, what evidence do you have that your selective licensing scheme has impacted anti-social behaviour issues?
7. What evidence do you have that a) selective licensing has helped identify sub-par landlords and b) has improved conditions in the private rented sector?
8. If you do not participate in a selective landlord licensing scheme a) why not and b) do you have any alternative structures and or systems in place to evaluate landlords in the private rented sector?
9. Do you have any plans to discuss the implementation of a selective landlord licensing scheme in the future?

The response to your request as follows:

- 1) No we have not introduced selective licensing here in Tamworth**
- 2) n/a**
- 3) n/a**
- 4) n/a**
- 5) n/a**
- 6) n/a**
- 7) n/a**
- 8) We do deal with complaints about landlord behaviour and poor property conditions through our Housing Conditions and supply team.
Any 'cases' / complaint are recorded on internal systems.
We also work closely with colleagues in other teams e.g. Planning and neighbourhood services when necessary ... e.g. to deal with breaches of standards / ASB issues.**
- 9) At the present time we do not have any plans to introduce selective licensing.**

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Yours Sincerely

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