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Dear Clare,

Thank you for your letter enclosing Burnley Borough Council's application to the Secretary of State for confirmation of its designation of parts of the Borough as subject to selective licensing under section 80(1) of the Housing Act 2004. The application was made in respect of a designation which, when combined with existing designations will cover 45% of the Borough's private rented sector stock. In your application, the Council were of the view that the following conditions under Part 3 of the Housing Act 2004 were satisfied in relation to the designation, namely:

1. The four designated areas of Trinity, Gannow, Queensgate and Daneshouse and Stoneyholme are suffering from low housing demand; and
2. The designation of Daneshouse and Stoneyholme is suffering from an additional condition of poor property conditions.

The Secretary of State has determined that the Council's application successfully demonstrates evidence of low housing demand and poor housing conditions. The designation satisfies the conditions in section 80(3) and (4) of the Act and Article 4 of the Selective Licensing of Houses (Additional Conditions) (England) Order 2015. It also satisfies the additional legal requirements of Part 3 of the Housing Act 2004.

The Designation is therefore confirmed on the grounds of low housing demand (Gannow, Trinity, Queensgate and Daneshouse and Stoneyholme) and poor housing conditions (Daneshouse and Stoneyholme).

In summary, the Secretary of State confirms Burnley's proposed designations as subject to selective licensing from 1 November 2019.

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