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Clare Jackson
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Dear Ms Jackson,

Thank you for your email enclosing **Burnley** Council's (the Council's) application seeking the Department's confirmation of its decision to designate parts of the borough as subject to selective licensing under section 80(1) of the Housing Act 2004.

The Council has applied to the Department for confirmation of its application made in respect of the proposed area. In its application, The Council considers the general conditions specified under Part 3 of the Housing Act 2004 are satisfied in relation to the designation, namely that private rented housing in the designated area is experiencing low housing demand.

Low Housing Demand

The application satisfies the legal requirements of Section 80(3) of the Housing Act 2004. **I am satisfied on the evidence presented that the area is, or is likely to become, an area of low housing demand.**

I am satisfied on the evidence presented that making a designation will, when combined with other measures taken in the area by the local housing authority, or by other persons together with the local housing authority, contribute to the improvement of the social or economic conditions in the area.

I am satisfied that the Council satisfied the legal requirements in s.80(9) in relation to their consultation and I am also content that the Council satisfied the legal requirements in relation to further considerations in s.81.

The two designations are therefore approved on low housing demand.

I would also like to remind you that under Section 83 of the Act, local housing authorities are required to publish a notice of the designation once it has been confirmed.

I therefore confirm the Council's two proposed designations are subject to selective licensing from 21 July 2022.

I would ask Burnley Council to keep me informed of progress in these areas, annually by undertaking a review of the effectiveness of licensing in tackling the issues. This information will provide greater understanding on the practical application of selective licensing schemes and inform the development of future policy.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Hughes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

EDDIE HUGHES MP