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Dear David,

Thank you for your submission enclosing The London Borough of Waltham Forest's (Waltham Forest) application seeking the Secretary of State'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. I am sorry for the delay in replying that was brought about by the pre-election period of sensitivity.

Waltham Forest has applied to me as Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government for confirmation of its application made in respect of 18 wards (out of a total 20) and on two separate conditions. In its application, Waltham Forest 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:

1. Suspected of suffering poor housing conditions; and
2. Experiencing a significant and persistent problem caused by anti-social behaviour.

#### Poor Housing Conditions

I have determined that Waltham Forest's application successfully demonstrates evidence of poor housing conditions. The application satisfies Article 4 of the Selective Licensing of Houses (Additional Conditions) Order 2015 and, in respect of poor housing conditions, satisfies the additional legal requirements of Part 3 of the Housing Act 2004.

I am satisfied on the evidence presented that the making of the scheme will, when combined with other measures, lead to an improvement in general housing conditions in the area.

The Designation is therefore approved on poor housing conditions.

#### Anti-Social Behaviour

I have determined that Waltham Forest's application successfully demonstrates evidence of a significant and persistent problem caused by anti-social behaviour. The application satisfies the general conditions specified under section 80(6) of the Housing Act 2004 and, in respect of anti-social behaviour, satisfies the additional legal requirements of Part 3 of the Housing Act 2004.

I am satisfied on the evidence presented that the making of the scheme will, when combined with other measures, lead to a reduction in or an elimination of the problem.

The Designation is therefore also approved on the condition of a significant and persistent problem caused by anti-social behaviour

The new five-year selective licensing scheme should set to deliver significant improvements to the levels of anti-social behaviour and poor housing conditions.

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 Waltham Forest's proposed designation is subject to selective licensing from 1 May 2020.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Jenrick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

**The Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP**