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Submitted to Licensing of short-term lets
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About you

Licensing of short-term lets

Please read the privacy notice below and tick the box below to show that you understand how the data you provide will be used as set out in the policy.

I have read and understood how the personal data I provide will be used.

What is your name?

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What is your email address?

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Are you responding as, or on behalf of:

A community organisation

Other: :

Your views on the proposed licensing system

How would you describe your view of the proposed licensing system for short-term lets?

Neither support nor oppose

Your views on the proposed licensing system

Why do you think this? (please tick all that apply)

Any other reasons:

Please specify in the box below::

There is no mechanism for cataloguing the nuisance caused by short term lets and no central body who has information about the sector as a whole.

Thinking about the your response above, how do you think the proposed licensing system could be improved?

Please set out how you think the system could be improved in the box below::

All Short Term Accommodation which is advertised should be registered with Visit Scotland, who already have the expertise in place to ensure that the properties comply with Health and Safety regulations. In this area there is a problem with a number of large properties which are essentially event venues who do comply with any regulations. There needs to be a central register which collates the complaints made to both Environmental Health and the Police which can be accessed to determine whether a property can continue its registration. If there is a history of legitimate complaints before a property applies for registration, then it should not be registered. If these occur post registration, then they be de-registered.

Anything else?

Is there anything else about the proposed licensing system, or its potential impact, that you would like to mention to the Committee. It would be helpful if you could keep any comments brief and provide evidence to support any claims made.

Please set out any further comments in the box below::

Lack of consistency if local authorities act independently.

The expertise for assessing properties currently lies with Visit Scotland. There are going to be significant additional costs if each underfunded Local Authority sets up its own department. It would cost less and be more efficient to give extra funding to Visit Scotland, rather than giving it to each local authority who will be duplicating the function all across Scotland.

What we have suggested would ensure that health and safety and neighbourhood nuisance issues are taken into account and the open register of all properties would allow communities to be aware of what is happening in their area.