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Dear Lloyd,

I am writing in response to your question at Oral Questions on 30 April about Brighton and Hove City Council's proposal to introduce a selective licensing scheme.

Following submission of its application at the end of January 2018, my officials have been progressing analysis of the council's proposal. In approval of the scheme we need to ensure that it meets Part 3 of the Housing Act 2004 including whether the council have met the public consultation requirements and the statutory criteria for introducing a scheme.

The application process is quite technical and in March my officials met with Brighton and Hove Council to discuss aspects of their scheme and to request further information in support of their application. The council agreed to submit this information to the Department by the 14th of May.

My officials will continue to work closely with Brighton and Hove and once in receipt of the requested information the Department will progress the council's application with a view to providing the council with a decision as soon as possible.

I will place a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.

MRS HEATHER WHEELER MP