



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE**

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Dear *Stuart,*

### **Selective Licencing Scheme**

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service fully support the proposal to introduce a selective licencing scheme in Melcombe Regis.

In the last three years, as a fire service we have attended 391 incidents and undertaken 328 safe and well visits in the Melcombe Regis area. We are confident that the introduction of a selective licencing scheme would improve the health and wellbeing of private rented sector tenants, through improved professional standards of tenancy management. By improving the living environment for residents, this will also help to reduce levels of crime and anti-social behaviour that are affecting the local community.

In this way it is anticipated that the number of incidents of both fire and false alarms will be reduced. It should also mean that the number of residents requiring a safe and well visit will reduce, and that the complexity of these interventions might also be lessened.

Yours sincerely

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Ben Ansell  
Chief Fire Officer

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