

**REPORT TO:** Licensing Sub-Committee

**MEETING DATE:** 12 June 2025

**BY:** Executive Director for Council Resources

**SUBJECT:** Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, Part 5  
Application for Grant of Licences to Operate Houses  
in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) at  
7 Hope Park, Haddington, EH41 3AH  
9 Hope Park, Haddington, EH41 3AH

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## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 Licence applications (Appendix 1) for HMOs have been received for the two addresses above.
- 1.2 Historic letters of objection and complaints have been received from neighbouring residents. There are current breaches of both planning and housing legislation related to both addresses. Relevant representations and objections are required to be considered prior to the Council taking a decision on the licence application, and it is therefore a requirement that this application is determined by the Licensing Sub-Committee and not through delegated authority.
- 1.3 The Sub-Committee is required to focus on the suitability of the property as an HMO and to establish that the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold an HMO licence.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee:
  - a) Considers both applications and representations/objections/background information, and determines whether the HMO licence applications are to be granted, granted subject to conditions, or refused.
  - b) If the licences are granted, the Sub-Committee is asked to decide the period of the licences. This can range from six months to three years.

- c) If the licences are granted, the Sub-Committee is asked to agree that they be granted subject to the conditions and standards outlined in Appendix 2.

### **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, Part 5 requires that where a property is to be occupied by three or more persons from three or more families, who share use of a sanitary convenience, personal washing facilities and/or cooking facilities, the owner must apply to the local authority for a licence to operate an HMO. The property must also be the residents' main or principal residence in the UK.
- 3.2 9 Hope Park, EH41 3AH was previously licensed as an HMO. This licence expired on 18 July 2020.
- 3.3 East Lothian Council (Licensing) actions (from 18 July 2020) are summarised in Appendix 3.
- 3.4 Historic neighbour complaints/objections are compiled in Appendix 4. These complaints/objections have not been received in response to the required display of a site notice for the current application.
- 3.5 Consultation responses to the current applications are found at Appendix 5.

### **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None.

### **5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

### **6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Financial – none.
- 6.2 Personnel – none.
- 6.3 Housing – potential for multiple homelessness presentations should the licence be refused and current residents are unable to secure alternative accommodation.

## **7 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 None.

Appendix 1 – Licence application forms for 7 and 9 Hope Park, EH41 3AH

Appendix 2 – Licence conditions

Appendix 3 – Summary of East Lothian Council (Licensing) actions

Appendix 4 – Historic objections/complaints

Appendix 5 – Consultation responses (7 & 9 Hope Park, EH41 3AH)

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<b>DATE</b>	22 May 2025

## HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION LICENSING CONDITIONS

- 1.** The Licensee shall make the Licence and these conditions, available to occupiers within the premises where it can be conveniently read by residents.
- 2.** If there is a material change of circumstance affecting the Licensee or the operation of the HMO, the Licensee must inform the licensing authority as soon as possible. No alteration must be made to the property without the prior written consent of the authority.
- 3.** The granting of a licence requires that notice in writing be given to every occupier of premises in the same building and the occupiers of adjoining premises which share a common boundary with the land upon which the licensed premises are situated, advising them of the name of the Licensee or managing agent, a contact address, daytime telephone number and emergency telephone contact number. For the purposes of this condition, "common boundary" means any land or buildings which share a boundary with the land on which the licensed premises are situated or are on the opposite side from the licensed premises of any road, pathway or common area less than 20 metres in width. Where the licensed premises are in a sub-divided building, notification requires to be made to all other parts of that building, in addition to any land or buildings falling within the terms of the preceding sentence. Where any such adjoining buildings are themselves part of a sub-divided building, all parts of that building require to be notified.
- 4.** The licence holder must take steps to ensure that the property, fittings and furniture, including fire precautions, plumbing, gas and electrical installations, are maintained throughout the period of the licence to the standard required. The HMO owner should hold all necessary certificates.
- 5.** Where appropriate, the Licensee shall comply with the Food Safety Act 1990, and any regulations thereunder. The Food Hygiene Regulations, The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, and any regulations thereunder and The Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) Safety Regulations 1988.

## **HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION – LICENSING CONDITIONS (continued)**

- 6.** All licensed premises shall comply with the requirements of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Fire Safety (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and will be provided with:
  - Adequate means of escape in case of fire.
  - Adequate means of ensuring that the means of escape can be safely and effectively used at all times.
  - Adequate and suitable fire-fighting equipment.
  - An adequate fire alarm system.
  - An adequate number of smoke detectors.
  - An adequate number of Notices detailing procedures in the event of fire.
- 7.** The equipment required to comply with these conditions shall be adequately maintained at all times, and it shall be the responsibility of the Licensee to ensure sufficient instructions are given to the residents of the licensed premises regarding the procedures to be followed in the event of a fire.
- 8.** To ensure an adequate electricity supply is maintained to the installed Fire Detection system, where credit card meters are in use, the Licensee will be responsible for ensuring that the meters remain in credit when the premises are unoccupied for any period exceeding 48 consecutive hours.
- 9.** The licence holder must ensure that advice to occupiers on action to be taken in the event of an emergency is clearly and prominently displayed within the living accommodation.
- 10.** The licence holder must ensure that the physical standards for HMO living accommodation assessed as suitable by the local authority when approving the licence application are met at all times.
- 11.** The number of persons residing in the premises shall not exceed the maximum number stated on the licence. The use and occupancy levels of each room shall not be changed without the approval of East Lothian Council. Any change may be subject to a variation fee.

## **HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION – LICENSING CONDITIONS (continued)**

- 12.** The Licensee shall allow access to the premises at any reasonable time to the following officials for licensing purposes:
  - Any officer of East Lothian Council.
  - Any officer of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
  - Any officer of Police Scotland
- 13.** The Licensee shall comply with all relevant legislation affecting private sector residential tenancies.
- 14.** Written occupancy agreements must be provided, and must meet with the approval of East Lothian Council. Once approved, the occupancy agreement must not be altered unless the Licensee obtains further approval from the Council.
- 15.** The Licensee will be responsible for the day to day running of the premises, and for ensuring that residents comply with the terms of their Lease and in particular to deal effectively with any anti-social behaviour by tenants to anyone else in the HMO or in the locality of the HMO.
- 16.** Actions to secure repossession must be only by lawful means.
- 17.** The Licensee shall be responsible for ensuring that all electrical installations are in accordance with the current IEE Wiring Regulations, and gas installations comply with the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998.
- 18.** Gas and electrical appliances provided by the Licensee must be maintained in a safe and satisfactory condition. Continuity of certification must be maintained. Tenants' appliances should be in good repair, used for the intended purpose, and suitable for the intended purpose.
- 19.** Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) shall not be used or stored on the premises.
- 20.** The licence holder shall comply with the current regulations regarding maximum re-sale prices of gas and electricity supplied, as appropriate.

## **HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION – LICENSING CONDITIONS (continued)**

- 21.** The licence holder should ensure that let rooms are fitted with a lever latch and secured with a suitable lock and thumb turn mechanism or other appropriate locking mechanism.
- 22.** The building should be maintained in a reasonable state of repair, having regard to its age, type and location. Garden and environmental areas should also be adequately maintained. Where an HMO is in a shared building the Landlord must co-operate and participate in the general repair and maintenance of the building and the cleaning of common parts. Where the tenants fail to participate in the cleaning and maintenance of common areas or environmental areas, the landlord will be expected to carry out the work.
- 23.** Adequate and suitable facilities must be provided for the storage and disposal of refuse. Where bins are provided to terraced and tenemental property they must be clearly identified by flat or property address. The landlord must ensure that the tenants utilise the bins provided and ensure that refuse or bins are placed out on collection day and that bins are returned to the bin storage area following collection (where applicable).
- 24.** The Licensee will ensure that residents' mail is made available to residents on a daily basis.
- 25.** The Licensee shall maintain comprehensive Building Insurance and Property Owner/Public Liability Insurance in accordance with the approved Standards.

**Unlicensed House in Multiple Occupation (HMO)**

Addresses - 7 Hope Park, HADDINGTON, EH41 3AH  
9 Hope Park, HADDINGTON, EH41 3AH

Landlord - John Friel

**Summary of events**

Date	Action
17 Dec 2020	Advised by Mr Friel that 9 Hope Park not currently being used as an HMO. Also, that he sometimes lived at no. 9 and sometimes at no. 7
19 Aug 2022	Email from Police Scotland who advised both 7 and 9 Hope Park identified as HMOs
7 Sep 2022	Landlord Registration officer (LRO) and Environmental Health officer (EHO) visited both addresses where Mr Friel admitted four lodgers lived at each address and he lived at no. 7. HMO application forms and guidance notes left with Mr Friel who advised he would submit the applications the next day.
8 Sep 2022	LRO emailed details of HMO licence application fees to Mr Friel
12 Sep 2022	HMO application fees received for 7 and 9 Hope Park, EH41 3AH (2 x £811 – for occupancy between 6 and 10 persons)
4 Jan 2023	Compliance notices received for both properties stating Site Notices were publicly displayed 2 to 23 December 2022
21 Apr 2023	LRO phoned Mr Friel re no HMO licence applications received. Mr Friel stated they would be dealt with on the same day.
1 May 2023	Voicemail left for landlord (from LRO) – no HMO licence applications received
19 May 23	Planning Contravention Notices served (Unauthorised change of use to HMO).
28 Sep 2023	Landlord Registration expired
20 Oct 2023	Rent Penalty Notice served to take effect 1 November 2023
31 Oct 2023	Landlord Registration renewal applied for
6 Nov 2023	Application forms received for 7 and 9 Hope Park, EH41 3AH
15 Nov 2023	Objection to HMO licence received
17 Nov 2023	Email to Mr Friel from Licensing Officer advising a number of discrepancies with application forms and advising that no supporting documentation lodged with either application form
21 Nov 2023	Second objection to HMO licence received
23 Nov 2023	Multi-agency (Environmental Health, Planning, Landlord Registration, Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service) visit to 7 and 9 Hope Park. Mr Friel was not in attendance. It was found to be c. 14 tenants between both properties resident. No. 7 – 1 bedroom on ground floor (occupied by Mr Friel) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 bedrooms on first floor</li> <li>- Attic converted to bedroom (with en suite)</li> <li>- Occupant advised that there was 1 couple in 1 first floor bedroom, the other first floor bedrooms were single rooms and the attic bedroom was a twin room</li> </ul>

	<p>No. 9 – 1 bedroom on ground floor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 bedrooms on first floor</li> <li>- 1 attic bedroom with ensuite</li> <li>- Occupant advised there were two double bedrooms and 3 single bedrooms in the property. The occupant also advised that rent was paid in cash and no receipts were received for rent payments.</li> </ul> <p>In addition to the original buildings, it was found that there were two ‘garden sheds’ in the structure attached to the rear of the building. Single beds were observed in both the sheds.</p>
6 Dec 2023	<p>Meeting with LRO, Planning representative, Homelessness Team representative and Mr Friel held at John Muir House, HADDINGTON, EH41 3HA.</p> <p><b>LRO discussion</b> – Mr Friel advised that objections received to HMO licence applications and would therefore be determined by Licensing Sub-committee. Mr Friel also advised that HMO applications were incomplete and therefore not valid, and in order to submit valid applications all supporting documentation was required to be lodged (EICR, Gas Safe certificate, LRA, FRA etc)</p> <p>Mr Friel also admitted that a single person had been sleeping in the understair cupboard of one of the properties (reported by Police Scotland following their visit of 19 August 2022).</p> <p><b>Planning discussion</b> – report to be provided by Planning regarding a number of sites in breach of planning permissions</p> <p><b>Homelessness discussion</b> – concern that occupants of both properties did not receive formal tenant / lodger agreements, frequent presentations to the Homelessness team from former tenants of Mr Friel, potential presentations from current lodgers due to both properties being in breach of HMO legislation</p>
8 Dec 2023	<p>Further compliance notices received stating Site Notices displayed between 2 November 2023 and 7 December 2023</p>
21 Mar 24	<p>No supporting documentation to the HMO applications received</p>
10 Jul 24	<p>Enforcement Notice – Unauthorised change of use to HMO. Takes effect 20/08/24 (6 month compliance period).</p>
13 Aug 24	<p>HMO applications considered withdrawn (as not competent) and Mr Friel advised of same</p>
15 Aug 24	<p>Rent Suspension Orders served by Sheriff Officer, taking effect 21 Aug 24</p>
1 Oct 24	<p>Visit to both addresses with Police Scotland Officers (x 3). Established properties both still being used as HMO and occupants have been paying rent to Mr Friel throughout September.</p>
2 Oct 24	<p>Tel call from Mr Friel querying visit to properties (1 Oct 24). Advised offences being committed by operating unlicensed HMO and receiving Rent. Mr Friel advised he would submit new applications, with supporting documentation and pay licence application fees by end of week.</p>

**Sheila Fitzpatrick – Team Leader, Licensing & Landlord Registration – 3 October 2024**

**From:** Henry, David (Safer Communities Team)  
**Sent:** 22 March 2023 16:37  
**To:** Grant, Shona <sgrant@eastlothian.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** HMO

Hi Shona,

The Safer Communities received this complaint (see below)- please note the HMO 5 bedroom part of the complaint which you might find of interest/investigate. The complainer alleges that he has seen at least 13 people/tenants.

Kind Regards

Dave Henry

David Henry

Working From Home

Safer Communities Team

The George Johnstone Centre

35 Winton Place


TRANENT

EH33 1AE

Telephone Number: 01620 829902

Service Case Ref            ELGF58664

Date created                Sat, 18 Mar 2023 15:57 pm

Your name                 

Your address               

Property type private tenant

Town Haddington

Your email address

[REDACTED]

Email address

[REDACTED]

Your home telephone number

[REDACTED]

Your mobile telephone number

[REDACTED]

Give as full a description of the complaint as possible

7/9 hope park John Friel is constantly out side day and evening shouting and swearing on his phone he is using his garden as a storage yard so we have workmen arriving 6/7am daily even on Sundays loading vans with tools and materials he has ladders stored in open view we have to keep our windows locked as fear of a break in I believe these properties are hmo 5 bedroom houses we have strange people walking around at all hours making noise and sitting watching tv on phone in the garden sitting in cars outside smoking drugs playing loud music

Perpetrator's name (if known)

John feel

Perpetrator's address (if known)

7 and 9 hope park Haddington

From: Henry, David (Safer Communities Team)  
Sent: 26 April 2023 11:30

Hi Shelia,

I hope you're well.

Update.

On 12/4/23 I visited Hope Park, Haddington and did a bit of door knocking and left calling cards- so far I received very little information to suggest that there is ASB. One neighbour said that they were not aware of any disturbances or noise other than the traffic outside. It doesn't look like there were any reports to the Police either.

I'll be calling the complainer again but just wanted to keep you posted.

Thanks

Dave

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 03 April 2023 17:36

I believe you may have been contacted already about the ongoing troubles we are having with John Friel. We are [REDACTED]. I actually don't know if he has HMO licenses for these properties according to the house deeds it is only allowed to be used as a one family dwelling house not multiple occupancy. Some of the issues we are having are tenants smoking drugs in the garden, shouting and swearing on the phone, drinking till late in the garden, tenants sitting in cars with the engine running 4 pm listening to music [REDACTED].

Many thanks

[REDACTED]  
Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 12 November 2023 15:08

To whom it may concern

I would like to object to Mr Freil's HMO applications as reasons below; we have had multiple incidents with him and his tenants.

Firstly, we have had to deal with noise at all hours of the day and night, parties, tenant's consuming drugs in the garden/smoking marijuana which caused us having had to close our back door and locking our pets in, having to listen to tenants having sex with the windows wide open, fire alarms going off for hours on end, have an early morning police raid on both

properties and all the tenants removed for questioning. Between the two properties, there are often ten or more cars parked on the street which is not illegal, and I am aware of it, but simply not fair to us residents trying to park outside our own homes.

Secondly, Mr Freil advertises these two properties as a 3-bedroom HMO with outdoor smoking area and parking. These are actually being used as 5-bedroom properties with average 10 people per house. He has also created single storey timber framed and timber lined structure with corrugated polycarbonate roof lining attached to the dwelling without planning permission, so his tenants have a place to eat and drink as well as socialise and smoke. On many occasions we have had to listen unpleasant and unacceptable language coming from the tenants, Mr Freil himself and his employees.

He has blocked communal access to rest of the properties with locked gates and keypads that are meant to have access 24/7. I have listed my concerns about the extension below and I have emailed planning and building control multiple times but unfortunately, had no response to this day (please note, over a year now).

He also conducts his business called CRS construction from 7-9 Hope Park. Heavy construction materials are often loaded and unloaded, transported through the seating area and stored in the garden, with workers constantly coming and going, sometimes at extremely early hours.

Lastly, the deeds to the property clearly state that these two properties are for family residential use only and not to be used as HMO / CONSTRUCTION business builder's yard. The structure that he has created illegally, is now in a process of being enclosed and forming an extension to the property, is fully attached to the dwelling and projects approximately 4m from the external wall into the garden and extends the length (north to south) of their property including a wraparound at the southern elevation. The structure he has built, is border line (i.e., the distance is 0m). He has also blocked access from both sides with gates\doors with keypad locks as I have stated above. The "extension" has been wired to supply electricity to lights, fridge freezers and televisions.

The concerns in particular I have raise to building \ planning

- The structure is built over a shared access path which forms part of an external escape route for your property and your neighbouring properties to the south as well as the north
  - The external walls of the structure are constructed in combustible materials and on this basis do not appear to have met the technical requirements (Technical Standard 2.6.1) for fire resistance of external walls i.e. the external walls sharing the boundary should have a 30 minute fire resistance as a minimum (on the basis they are less than 1m from the boundary)
    - Similarly the external wall cladding is timber lined and does not appear to have been treated to provide the required European Classification A1 or A2 (as Technical Standard 2.6.4)
    - The roof covering appears to be a corrugated polycarbonate sheet and therefore unlikely to meet the requirements for 'low vulnerability' as required under Technical Standard 2.8.1 for roof coverings not more than 6m from a boundary

I am similarly concerned for the wellbeing and safety of the property occupants. For example, is there adequate installations for the early warning of fire and subsequent escape.

As part of my fire escape has been blocked, to date I have had no updates or any correspondence on any of my concerns, the properties are a death trap waiting to happen and I have raised these concerns directly with Mr Freil also to no avail.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 November 2023 16:36  
**To:** HMO Licensing <hmo@eastlothian.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Objection John Patrick Freil HMO 7 & 9 Hope Park Haddington EH41 3AH

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Good afternoon thank you for receipt of my email further to my original objections about mr frail and his application I have found out today that he has people sleeping in two plastic ikea garden sheds in the back garden calling them pods.  
( I have witnessed this myself )  
Should I be calling the police about this kind of letting out rooms it seems he just does what he wants to make money with no regard to the safety and welfare of his tenants or neighbours I cannot see how this is legal in any way and at the moment I presume he does not have an hmo license at the moment  
it greatly concerns me that somebody can operate in such a way

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 November 20

As the owner of the property [REDACTED], we have several objections to granting an HMO licence to the above properties. We have been complaining for almost two years to the council on how the two properties are occupied first complaint 14 December 2021, yet Mr Friel's been allowed to

continue behaving in an inappropriate manner, and in fact since then has extended the properties. See bullet points.

Below are copies of emails from my partner to the council, joint owner of [REDACTED]

#### Points

- He has been operating illegally with numerous families / random people in both properties for a number of years, and in some cases over 20 people across both properties.
- I have personally witnessed disgusting behaviours including drug taking, fighting, loud obnoxious behaviour. Mr Friel sits out in the front street partially dressed on a very regular basis, there is even a suite in the garden, this is unacceptable a demonstration of what is anti-social behaviours/
- Mr Friel has blocked the communal access to the properties this has been discussed with police, due to an altercation when we tried to get access.
- He has built extension to the properties without planning permission, this runs across both properties ( which now links the two properties) He has people sleeping in sheds out in the garden. Photographic evidence is available. Hope Park is a conservation area.
- The deeds of all properties at Hope Park are clear that the properties should only be used as family dwellings.
- My tenants complain to me on a daily basis about the behaviours of the neighbours at 7 & 9 Hope Park.
- I believe that our property is devalued due to unsociable behaviours and obscene building structures.
- Mr Friel for years has been operating a building business from number 7 Hope Park for at least 15 years. People arrive at various hours day and night with deliveries, unloading vans. Staff shouting and swearing if there are wage / payment issues.
- There have been a number of police raids reported to us by our tenants, this is upsetting and disturbing.
- Parking in the street is taken over by John Friels work vehicles and tenants vehicles.
- There is a risk to life in these properties.
- I believe there is a GLAA issue that should be reviewed and looked into.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 23 November 2023 14:46

23rd November 2023

Dear Sirs,

I have recently bought [REDACTED] and feel that I must add my voice to the objections to the proposed HMO at 7 and 9 Hope Park.

While preparing a submission to the Planning Department for proposed upgrades to my property (still at draft stage), the architect I had instructed informed me that the large extension to the rear of 7 and 9 Hope Park, together with the large garden shed, have neither planning permission nor building warrant.

Also, my neighbour [REDACTED] has shown me recent photographic evidence suggesting that said large extension appears to be sleeping pods and may have been evolving over the past 2 years. I have no objection to HMOs in principle, but when it appears that neither building control nor planning have been consulted, it does raise alarm bells over issues of fire hazard and access. My wife and I are elderly and this matter is causing us quite some alarm.

Finally, given that there are many design constraints in this Conservation Area, it seems contradictory that the above should be happening.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

## O'Reilly, Arlene

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**From:** Cramer, Torquil <torquil.cramer@firescotland.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 26 August 2025 16:01  
**To:** Short Term Lets  
**Subject:** RE: 7 & 9 Hope Park Haddington

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Arlene,

Just a quick update, Mr Friel has made a good effort to rectify the outstanding deficiencies, I'll visit him again next week to 'hopefully' get him over the line for the meeting in September.

Regards

Torquil

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**From:** Short Term Lets <stl@eastlothian.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 24 July 2025 13:49  
**To:** Cramer, Torquil <torquil.cramer@firescotland.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** 7 & 9 Hope Park Haddington

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Good Afternoon Torquil, I hope your are well.

Just looking for an update on Mr Friel's case for the upcoming licensing sub committee meeting in September please. As you know it was deferred so we could have a further inspection from the Fire Service etc.

Many Thanks

Arlene

**Arlene O'Reilly** | Licensing Officer | East Lothian Council | John Muir House | Haddington EH41 3HA | T. 01620 827664 | E. [licensing@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@eastlothian.gov.uk)

**From:** [Smith, Amelia](#)  
**To:** [Cmtte Licensing Sub](#)  
**Cc:** [Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** FW: HMO's - John Friel - 7 & 9 Hope Park, Haddington  
**Date:** 01 September 2025 08:31:59  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi Licensing / committee services,

I can confirm my attendance.

Just by way of an update, the planning application submitted by Mr Friel under ref: 25/00336/P has subsequently been withdrawn.

Kind regards,

Amelia.

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**From:** Environment Reception

**Sent:** 29 August 2025 13:23

**To:** Taylor, Emma

**Subject:** FW: HMO's - John Friel - 7 & 9 Hope Park, Haddington

Hi Emma

Sorry not sure if this will be for you?

Thanks

Kirsty

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**From:** Licensing

**Sent:** 29 August 2025 12:30

**To:** Fire ([torquil.cramer@firescotland.gov.uk](mailto:torquil.cramer@firescotland.gov.uk)) ; Environment Reception ; Environmental Health/Trading Standards ; Slight, Lynn ; Small, Louise (Homelessness)

**Cc:** Cmtte Licensing Sub

**Subject:** HMO's - John Friel - 7 & 9 Hope Park, Haddington

Good Afternoon All

Further to the Licensing Sub Committee back in June, the above was continued for more information. The next Licensing Sub Committee Meeting is to be held in the Council Chambers on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 at 2pm. Your attendance at this meeting is requested, the Agenda and joining instructions will follow one week before.

Can you please confirm your attendance by email to

[licensingcommittee@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:licensingcommittee@eastlothian.gov.uk)

Kind regards

Gillian

Gillian Herkes

Licensing Officer

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