

9 To consider motion:-

Council notes that:-

- in England a family house and a house in multiple occupation (HMO) are in the same Use Class, in planning terms, which means that planning permission is not required to use what was a family house as a HMO.
- if the planning rules in England were changed to create a separate Use Class for HMOs, it would be much easier to control their distribution and local density in the City.
- having a high density of HMOs can have a detrimental effect on local communities, for example in terms of waste, parking and noise, and can eventually lead to communities becoming unbalanced and unsustainable.

Therefore Council resolves to ask the Government to change the planning rules in England to create a separate Use Class for HMOs, and to write to all Nottingham MPs on the same matter.

Councillor A Clark