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# Article 4 Direction - HMO

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This Article 4 Direction removes the permitted development rights that allow dwelling houses (a C3 planning use) to convert into small houses in multiple occupancy (HMOs, a C4 planning use) without the need for planning permission.

The Direction applies across the whole of the Blackpool borough.

The Order was sealed on 1 October 2021 and confirmed on 23 February 2022. The Direction came into force on 3 October 2022.

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