

# Welcome to Sheffield!



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# The PRS in Sheffield

- ▶ 35,000 private rented properties
- ▶ Includes around 10,000 HMOs (many student houses, but not all)
- ▶ Sector has doubled in Sheffield over past 10 years. Still rising.
- ▶ I'm committed to making private renting in Sheffield safe and well managed
- ▶ I give full support to the Private Housing Standards team - and they know I have high expectations for delivering results!

# The PRS in Sheffield (2)

- ▶ We're lucky in Sheffield. Some excellent landlords that we work well with, and we consult with them regularly
- ▶ But also small minority of Rogue landlords. We're cracking down on them and strictly enforcing. We're seeing more enforcement through now than ever before.
- ▶ Growing number of purpose built blocks - they have their own problems!
- ▶ Influx of Roma migrants - cultural differences and multiple issues in their private rented housing and the neighbourhood

# My view on the new Housing and Planning Act 2016

- ▶ Recognise that HMOs are the most regulated in the sector. We wanted to see Management Regulations introduced into ordinary family housing
- ▶ Pleased about banning orders and the Rogue landlord register. But we want it to be freely available to all
- ▶ Pleased about Civil penalties. But still struggling with low fines and poor penalties in the Courts
- ▶ Keen to see what Govt introducing to expand HMO licensing. Hope it's not regulation for regulation's sake
- ▶ Want real commitment from the Govt to provide funding for staff, so can be reassured that the sector is safe, well managed and a satisfactory choice for the thousands of people in it.