

Consultation on a draft Gas Safety Policy

Southampton City Council is consulting on a draft Gas Safety Policy.

We would like to hear your thoughts on the proposals and any impacts or alternative suggestions you would like us to consider. Now is your opportunity to have your say.

An online version of this questionnaire can be found on Southampton City Council's website at www.southampton.gov.uk/consultations

You can also email your consultation feedback or queries to yourcity.yoursay@southampton.gov.uk

This consultation closes on **Tuesday 02 December 2025**.

Background

The purpose of this draft policy is to ensure the Council complies with its legal obligations on gas safety in Council-owned residential buildings.

The aim is to encompass clear processes in identifying how SCC carries out its role as a landlord, and how it will take every reasonable step to get access to properties as appropriate according to its responsibilities under the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 for gas appliances.

The draft policy would, if implemented:

- > Ensure landlord gas safety checks and services are accessible to all domestic tenants, by working closely with agencies such as social services and the police;
- > Outline a clear process for dealing with no-access properties;
- > Provide clear guidance to all SCC staff and domestic tenants, and;
- > Raise the profile of the programme, the health and safety of tenants, and highlight the risks of not complying with the Council's statutory responsibilities on gas safety.

Proposals

You can find the full draft policy on the SCC website at www.southampton.gov.uk/consultations.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the draft policy?

☐ Strongly agree ☐ Slightly agree ☐ Neither agree nor disagree ☐ Slightly disagree ☐ Strongly disagree

What impact do you feel the draft policy may have on you, your business or the wider community?

☐ Very positive ☐ Fairly positive ☐ No impact at all ☐ Fairly negative ☐ Very negative ☐ Don't know

If you disagree with the draft policy, or have any comments, impacts, suggestions or alternatives you feel we should consider, please provide details:

Reading the draft policy

Have you read the proposed draft policy?

☐ Yes, all of it ☐ Yes, some of it ☐ No

If you have read the proposed draft policy, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Slightly agree	Neither	Slightly disagree	Strongly disagree
"The draft policy is easy to understand"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
"The draft policy provides sufficient information"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If there were parts of the draft policy that you did not understand or you feel need more information, please provide further details:

About you

Are you...?

	Yes	No	Prefer not to say
...tenant of a property owned by the Council?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...a tradesperson or someone that works in a related area, like a gas safety inspector or engineer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...a resident of Southampton?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...someone that works, visits, or studies in Southampton?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...responding on behalf of a business or organisation, including voluntary and community organisations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...an employee of Southampton City Council?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What is your postcode? *This is used for geographical analysis only and will not be used to contact or identify you.*

What is your sex?

☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Prefer not to say

Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say

If no, please write in your gender identity:

What is your age?

<input type="checkbox"/> Under 18	<input type="checkbox"/> 35 - 44	<input type="checkbox"/> 65 - 74
<input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 24	<input type="checkbox"/> 45 - 54	<input type="checkbox"/> 75+
<input type="checkbox"/> 25 - 34	<input type="checkbox"/> 55 - 64	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say

How would you describe your ethnic group?

<input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British	<input type="checkbox"/> White other
<input type="checkbox"/> Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	<input type="checkbox"/> Other ethnic group
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed or multiple ethnic groups	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say
<input type="checkbox"/> White British	

Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or impairments, lasting 12 months or more, that have a substantial effect on your ability to carry out day-to-day activities?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say

The following questions are for those responding on behalf of a business or organisation only.

Can the name of your business or organisation be attributed to your response to this consultation?

☐

Yes

☐

No

Can we contact you about your response to this consultation?

☐

Yes

☐

No

If yes, please provide us with the following details:

Business or organisation name:

Contact name:

Contact email:

What happens next?

The consultation closes on **Tuesday 02 December 2025**. After this date, all feedback will be analysed and considered before a final decision is made.

Please return completed surveys to:

*Consultations,
First Floor, West Wing,
Civic Centre,
Southampton,
SO14 7LY.*

Alternatively, please hand completed surveys back to any Southampton City Council-run library.

The information collected about you during this survey will only be used for the purposes of research. We may use it to contact you about this. We will only share your information with other organisations or council departments if we need to. We may also share it to prevent, investigate or prosecute criminal offences, or as the law otherwise allows. Please be aware that any comments given on this form may be published in the report. However, the council will endeavour to remove any references that could identify individuals or organisations. Our Privacy Policy (<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/contact-us/privacy-cookies/privacy-policy/>) explains how we handle your personal data, and we can provide a copy if you are unable to access the Internet.