

Letter to the Editor – Short term lets

The result of a petition for judicial review was made known yesterday when Lord Braid decided that the Edinburgh version of the short term let policy was in some respects unlawful.

His Lordship said that the policy is “unlawful” in respect of the rebuttable presumption against granting licences for secondary letting in tenements, the lack of any system for temporary licences to be granted and a requirement for all secondary lets to have carpets fitted in bedrooms, living rooms and hallways.

The petition was raised at the Court of Session by Peter Averbuch, Dickins Edinburgh Limited, Reserve Travel Limited and Edinburgh SC (Self Catering) Limited who had crowdfunded £300,000 to fund the case. This is said to be the largest ever legal crowdfunder.

[The written decision can be read in full here.](#)