

Submission on discussion document: *Publication of Directors' Residential Addresses on the Companies Register*

Your name and organisation

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Responses to discussion document questions

1	Do you have any comments of our assessment of the options for approaching directors' residential addresses on the Companies Register?
	I support Option 2 as the preferred option. It provides the information required, without personally endangering directors.
2	What is your preferred option?
	Option 2
3	Are there interested parties who may have a legitimate reason to need to access directors' residential addresses? If so, who?
	No – there are legal channels to pursue directors if necessary and parties such as IRD and banks should already have residential addresses. It is highly unlikely the Companies Office would be the only place a director's residential address can be sought from.
4	Is there a public interest in directors' residential addresses being provided to third parties such as journalists?
	No – that is an invasion of privacy for anyone associated with a director (spouse, children, etc) and only encourages parasitic, sensationalist journalism. As previously mentioned, there are legal channels to pursue a director through if that is required.
5	Under what circumstances should directors' residential addresses be released to an interested party?

	Via court order
6	Do you agree that government departments and agencies should have automatic access to directors' residential addresses?
	No – the Government should have no more powers of intrusion into people's personal details than anyone else unless it is court ordered.
7	Should this access be limited to the enforcement of law or are there other situations where it may be appropriate for government departments and agencies to have access to directors' residential addresses?
	Giving Gvt department access to personal information reeks of 'big brother' and should not be allowed without a court order.
8	Are there other factors which you think should be included in considering approaches to directors' residential addresses in historic documents?
	I think it has been well thought through
9	Do you agree with our preferred approach to historic documents on the companies register?
	I support Option A
10	Have you encountered situations where you consider that members of the public have abused this provision? If so, please provide details.
	Yes – it is very easy for a stalker or abusive ex-partner to ascertain a residential address and increase their threatening behaviour. One may know very well who is behind the conduct but not be able to evidence it in a way that reaches the threshold for legal action, leaving the director extremely vulnerable.
11	Do you agree that shareholders' residential addresses should be treated the same way as directors' residential addresses (ie replaced with an address for service)?
	Yes.
12	Are there circumstances where third parties might have a legitimate interest in the residential address of a shareholder?
	Absolutely not.
13	Do you think any changes need to be made to the residential address requirements for officers of other types of entities?
	I think people should have an intrinsic right to keep their residential address confidential to avoid any potential threats to safety.

Other comments