

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

## Your name and organisation

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## Please select if your submission contains confidential information:

I would like my submission (or specified parts of my submission) to be kept confidential, and attach my reasons for this for consideration by MBIE.

## Responses to discussion document questions

1	<p>Do you have any comments of our assessment of the options for approaching directors' residential addresses on the Companies Register?</p> <p>I don't think I saw an option that I believe is appropriate. I can't think of an argument why company directors should have their addresses hidden from view at all. My residential address is already published in the Companies Office register, I work from home and my privacy is not violated because it is published in the Companies Office Register. There are far more violations of privacy perpetrated by other government departments and private sector organisations than the Companies Office could even hope to achieve by publishing residential addresses. Why do company directors deserve the protection of privacy when often their business practices violate their own clients privacy. I think too much is made of and for businessmen who are often no better than a intoxicated driver on a public road. Perhaps publication of residential addresses would improve corporate responsibility and encourage generosity of spirit, both of which are sadly lacking in the corporate world.</p>
2	<p>What is your preferred option? Neither, publish uninhibited</p>
3	<p>Are there interested parties who may have a legitimate reason to need to access directors' residential addresses? If so, who? Everyone</p>
4	<p>Is there a public interest in directors' residential addresses being provided to third parties such as journalists? Of course, yes</p>

5	Under what circumstances should directors' residential addresses be released to an interested party? All circumstances
6	Do you agree that government departments and agencies should have automatic access to directors' residential addresses? No more than anyone else
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? No
8	Are there other factors which you think should be included in considering approaches to directors' residential addresses in historic documents? I see no point in publishing residential addresses in historical documents
9	Do you agree with our preferred approach to historic documents on the companies register?
10	Have you encountered situations where you consider that members of the public have abused this provision? If so, please provide details.
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, shareholders don't run companies, directors need to be accountable
12	Are there circumstances where third parties might have a legitimate interest in the residential address of a shareholder? yes
13	Do you think any changes need to be made to the residential address requirements for officers of other types of entities? Yes, all registered entities should be treated uniformly

## Other comments

I think you are placing too much Importance on the Companies Office Register, if someone wants to find a residential address, making it difficult to find on the register will not prevent that happening. Anyone who goes to the register, extracts an address and then breaks the law, has just provided evidence of their own crime. On that basis, I would publish residential addresses as a matter of prevention.