

Wiltshire's Allocation Policy January 2013

Consultation questionnaire

1. Please tick the box or boxes that describes you.

I am responding to this questionnaire as:

- a resident of Wiltshire
- a service provider
- a member of staff at Wiltshire Council
- an existing housing tenant
- a Local Authority councillor
- a town or parish councillor
- a voluntary/charitable organisation
- I am on the housing register
- other,

Please specify

1.ii If you are responding on the behalf of an organisation or service provider, please give the name of the organisation below:

The current allocation policy is being reviewed to address opportunities under the Localism Act for greater freedoms for councils to adopt local policies and procedures on eligibility criteria and the allocation of social housing. The following questions seek your views on allocation policies in Wiltshire. See appendix 1 on the recommended exclusion criteria to assist with Q2-Q7.

2. Do you agree that applicants who have exhibited unacceptable behaviour, as outlined in the appendices be restricted from joining the register?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you said disagree why is this?

3. Do you agree that applicants with no local connection to Wiltshire, as outlined in the appendices be restricted from joining the register?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you said disagree why is this?

4. Do you agree with the following criteria that, allows certain households to be included on the register even though they have no local connection?

	Yes	No
A person who is being accommodated through witness protection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A person who has been confirmed as fleeing domestic violence from another area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A person from the transient community who has no local connection to any other area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any applicant who has been accommodated outside the area by Wiltshire Council in exercising its statutory duty to accommodate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other, please specify		

5. Do you agree that applicants who have assets or income above the financial resource limit be restricted from joining the register?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you said disagree why is this?

6. Do you agree that applicants who have no identified housing need be restricted from joining the register?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you said disagree why is this?

7. Do you agree that applicants who have deliberately worsened their circumstances be restricted from joining the register?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you said disagree why is this?

8. Do you agree that applicants are generally only eligible to apply for properties that meet their assessed bedroom allowance as outlined in the Department of Work and Pensions Housing Allowance Standards? See appendix 2 on the recommended bedroom eligibility to assist.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

If you said disagree why is this?

See appendix 3 on the recommended banding criteria to assist with Questions 9 and onwards.

9. Are there any other groups that should be awarded additional preference? Please comment with reasons in the box below.

10. Do you agree with the local parish and town allocation criteria as set out below?

	Yes	No
A person who is resident in the parish or town. The residency will need to be permanent and the person will need to have lived in the area for six months out of the last 12, or three years out of the last five years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A person who has permanent paid employment or has a permanent job offer within the parish or town	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A person with close family (grand-parents, parents, legal guardian, adult children or brothers and sisters) who have lived in the parish or town for five years or more	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If a property has major adaptations the local connection criteria would not apply as the need for the adaptations in the property would override any local connection to the area. Where an adapted property cannot be matched to an applicant with specific needs it will be allocated in accordance with the policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have said 'No' to any of the above, please state why:

11. If you have any further comments you would like to make about the revised allocation policy, please use the box below:

**Thank you for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire.
Please press the submit button to send in your response or print and post to:**

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Please ensure you return your questionnaire by 26 April 2013 for your comments to be considered in the development of the final allocation policy for Wiltshire.