

1.39 **"Strong Local Connection"** means a strong local connection to the relevant area and in determining whether someone has a strong local connection the Affordable Housing Provider shall consider:

- 1.39.1 family associations of such person or persons to people who have been resident in the relevant area for the past 5 years in particular parents, sibling and non dependants of such person or persons
- 1.39.2 any periods of ordinary residence of such person or persons in the relevant area out of choice for a period of six months in the twelve months before the date upon which any Affordable Dwelling becomes vacant or a period of three years in the five years before the date upon which any Affordable Dwelling becomes vacant
- 1.39.3 whether such person or persons has for the six months prior to the date upon which any Affordable Dwelling becomes vacant been in permanent employment in the relevant area or has a written offer of permanent employment in the relevant area such employment being for a minimum of 16 hours per week and /or
- 1.39.4 whether such persons are employed by the armed services and based and living in the relevant area