

Local Need/Connection Qualification Criteria

In determining the allocation of affordable housing to local people on rural exception housing sites the District Council will utilise the following cascade criteria to determine the suitability of potential occupants:

1. The intended household has been continuously resident in the Parish for at least five years in Bands A-D;
2. The intended household is permanently employed in the Parish in Bands A — D and whose work is primarily based in this parish. For the purposes of this criterion, 'permanently employed' means having held a permanent employment contract for a minimum of 16 hours per week for at least the preceding 6 months;
3. Former residents who previously lived in the Parish for a period of at least three years within the last 10 years in Bands A - D. Those in the Armed Forces (defined in Appendix 1) will be considered above those former residents who wish to return to the Parish;
4. The intended household is in the A- D Band and has a close living relation resident in the Parish. This means immediate family members (parents, siblings, dependent and non-dependent children) who themselves live in the Parish and have done so for at least five years;
5. The intended household have been continuously resident in the Parish for six months or more in Bands A - D);

6. The intended household has a local connection to the Parish according to clauses 1- 5, in order of preference, in the E Band where the household income is insufficient to enable them to afford or to sustain to rent or purchase a property suitable for their needs in the Parish;
7. The intended household has a local connection to the Parish according to clauses 2- 4, in order of preference those who are currently Council/Housing Association Tenants who are in the E Band that have moved out of the Parish but wish to return;
8. The intended household in the neighbouring parish of Uffculme in Bands A - D using the criteria set out above in ^{clauses} paragraphs 1 to ⁵ 5 (with references to "Parish" interpreted accordingly);
9. The intended household has a local connection to the neighbouring parish of Uffculme according to clauses 1 - 5 (with references to "Parish" interpreted accordingly), in order of preference, in the E Band where the household income is insufficient to enable them to afford or to sustain to rent or purchase a property suitable for their needs in the parish of Uffculme;
10. The intended household in the neighbouring parishes of Kentisbeare, Hemyock, Culmstock, Cullompton, Willand, Sampford Peverell or Burlescombe in Bands A - D using the above criteria set out in ^(clauses) paragraph 1 to ⁵ 5 (with references to "Parish" PC interpreted accordingly);

11. The intended household has a local connection to the neighbouring parishes of Kentisbeare, Hemyock, Culmstock, Cullompton, Willand, Sampford Peverell or Burlescombe according to clauses 1 - 5 (with references to "Parish" interpreted accordingly), in order of preference, in the E Band where the household income is insufficient to enable them to afford or to sustain to rent or purchase a property suitable for their needs in the parish to which they have the local connection;
 12. Those residents with a local connection to Mid Devon District in Bands A-D. For the purposes of determining 'local connection' the Devon Home Choice definition (see Appendix 1) will be used;
 13. The intended household has a local connection to Mid Devon District according to the Devon Home Choice definition in the E Band where the household income is insufficient to enable them to afford or to sustain to rent or purchase a property suitable for their needs in Mid Devon;
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14. All Devon Home Choice applicants.