






Consultation Survey

This survey asks your views about the key proposals for the new Lettings Policy. Please complete the questionnaire below and return it using the enclosed Freepost envelope or send to FREEPOST RRYE-RZAB-KBSX Consultation, Tower Hamlets Partnership, Mulberry Place (AH), 5 Clove Crescent, London E14 2BG. You can also download a copy of this document or complete the survey online at www.onetowerhamlets.net You can also complete the survey when you go to the Council's or Homeseekers websites.

Proposal 1: Applicants who have waited the longest in their band will usually be given priority when they bid for a property.

Under present policy, waiting time is given less priority than housing and medical or welfare issues. This proposal will give priority to those who have waited the longest.

I support this proposal






Strongly agree agree no opinion disagree strongly disagree
    

Any Other Comments

Proposal 2: Applicants to only bid for property suitable for their household size.

At present applicants can bid for any size property regardless of their household size. As they will only be offered a property of suitable size many bids are wasted.

I support this proposal






Strongly agree agree no opinion disagree strongly disagree
    

Any Other Comments

Proposal 3: Applicants can bid up to 5 times per weekly cycle.

Under present policy, applicants can bid for as many properties as they wish each week. Many people therefore bid for everything available each week just in case but then often refuse an offer. This delays getting property let. *(On new developments applicants can be considered for all suitable properties)*

I support this proposal

Strongly agree agree no opinion disagree strongly disagree
    






Any Other Comments

Proposal 4: Applicants qualify for New Band 1 because of high levels of need. If after a fixed period of time they are unsuccessful a direct offer may be made to solve their urgent housing need.

Under present policy applicants in the top band can bid and refuse offers as often as they wish. Some stay in this band for very long periods. This proposal will balance giving them high priority with ensuring their housing need is solved more quickly.

I support this proposal

Strongly agree agree no opinion disagree strongly disagree






    

Any Other comments

Proposal 5: Tenants due for demolition in less than a year will be placed in New Band 1 Priority A category. When demolition is more than a year away they will be placed in New Band 1 Priority B. This will give priority to the most urgent.

I support this proposal

Strongly agree agree no opinion disagree strongly disagree






    

Any Other Comments

Proposal 6: applicants who must have a ground floor for medical/disability reasons or need wheelchair accessible property (category A or B) will be placed in New Band 1 Priority A. This will give these applicants the highest priority when bidding.

I support this proposal

Strongly agree agree no opinion disagree strongly disagree






Any Other Comments

Proposal 7: Overcrowded households with children and homeless households in priority need will be placed in New Band 2 and be considered in date order of when they applied to go on the housing register or applied as homeless.

Under the present scheme – overcrowded households with children are in a lower band than homeless households. Rightly or wrongly, some think that some people make a homeless application to “jump the queue” and get in the higher band. This proposal puts both groups in the same band and will be a fairer way of allocating housing to both groups. It may help to prevent homelessness.

I support this proposal

Strongly agree agree no opinion disagree strongly disagree

Any Other comments

Proposal 8: Single people & childless couples who are overcrowded or lack accommodation will be placed in New Band 3. Priority will be given in date order of application.

About half of the housing available each year is 1 bed and studio flats so many applicants in this band will be offered housing each year.

I support this proposal




Strongly agree	agree	no opinion	disagree	strongly disagree
				

Any Other Comments

Proposal 9: Tenants of Common Housing Register partner landlords who are not overcrowded but want a like for like move will be placed in New Band 4. A percentage of housing available each year will be set aside to give them a chance of a move.

Under present policy these tenants have little chance of a move. This will give new opportunities for tenants in this group to transfer.





I support this proposal

Strongly agree	agree	no opinion	disagree	strongly disagree
				

Any Other Comments

Proposal 10: Some tenants would like to move to a smaller property but cannot as they have adult children at home. It is proposed to offer separate rehousing to them where this would make a larger property available for another family.






I support this proposal

Strongly agree	agree	no opinion	disagree	strongly disagree
				

Any Other Comments

Proposal 11: To place sons or daughters of tenants of Common Housing Register partners in New Band 4 if they do not qualify for New Bands 1,2 or 3. Those waiting the longest will be given priority. This will help sustain local communities. A percentage of housing available each year will be set aside to give them a chance of a move.

I support this proposal

Strongly agree	agree	no opinion	disagree	strongly disagree
				

Any Other Comments

About You

Please complete the equalities monitoring form below to help us make sure that services are accessed equally and fairly. The information which you provide on this form will be kept confidential in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Q1 Gender – Are you?

- Male
- Female
- Transgender (Is your gender identity the same as you were born with?)
- Prefer not to say

Q2 Which age range do you fall into?

- 12-19
- 20-25
- 26-34
- 35-43
- 44-52
- 53-59
- 60-64
- 65+
- Prefer not to say

Q3 Under the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA)

1995 a person is considered to have a disability if he/she has a physical or mental impairment which has a sustained and long term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day to day activities. Since 2005, people with HIV, cancer and multiple sclerosis are covered by the DDA. Do You consider yourself to be disabled?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Q4 Please state the type of impairment that applies to you. People may experience more than one type of impairment, in which case you may indicate more than one. If none of the categories apply, please mark 'other' and specify the impairment.

- Physical impairment
- Sensory impairment
- Mental health condition

- Learning disability/difficulty
- Long-standing illness or health condition
- Other (please specify)

Q5 Ethnic background – Are you?

Asian or Asian British

- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Indian
- Pakistani
- Vietnamese

Black or Black British

- Caribbean
- Somali
- African

Mixed /Dual Heritage

- White and Asian
- White and Black African
- White and Black Caribbean

White

- British
- Irish
- Prefer not to say

Other

- (please specify)

Q6 What is your religion/belief?

- None
- Buddhist
- Christian
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- Other
- Prefer not to say

Q7 How would you define your sexual orientation?

- Bisexual
- Gay man or lesbian/Gay woman
- Heterosexual
- Other (please specify)
- Prefer not to say