



**Sherwood Forest Sub-Regional  
Choice Based Lettings  
Common Allocations Policy  
Questionnaire**

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**Your opinion counts  
Sherwood Forest Sub-Region  
Choice Based Lettings**

**Questionnaire**

The Sherwood Forest Sub-Region Councils of Ashfield District Council and Mansfield District Council and local Registered Social Landlords (RSLs), sometimes known as housing associations, are offering their homes to rent in a new way.

They have all:

- Worked together to develop a joint housing Allocation Policy that explains how your housing application qualifies for a higher or lower priority (from 1 through to a 5 banding)
- Agreed that their housing will be available through a choice based lettings scheme from 2010

Please read through the leaflet **Scheme Guide and Banding Policy** before completing the questionnaire. If you wish to view the full draft allocation policy it is available on each of the Council's websites.

Through *Choice Based Lettings*, landlords (councils and housing associations at this point) will advertise their available properties. Applicants are then asked to express an interest in (or 'bid' for) the properties in which they would like to live.

Before an offer of accommodation is made, the Allocations Policy is used to prioritise customers' bids and to decide which customer's housing need most closely matches the property itself.

**By completing this questionnaire, you will help us develop the Allocation Policy and Choice Based Lettings Scheme.**

**Once you have completed it, please return it to:**

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**Or you can hand it to your local authority for the attention of the Sub-Regional CBL Project Officer.** The deadline for returning comments and feedback is 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010

## **Section 1 – The Allocations Policy**

**1. Do you agree with the objectives of the Allocations Policy? (See page 3 of the leaflet Consultation on Choice Based Lettings Scheme Guide and Banding Policy).**

- strongly agree
- agree
- no view
- disagree
- strongly disagree

### **2. Assessment of Need**

**Under the new Allocations policy, customers' needs will be assessed and they will be awarded one of five bands rather than points. Band 1 will indicate the highest assessed need and band 5 the lowest (usually awarded where people are already adequately housed). (See page 8 of the leaflet Consultation on Choice Based Lettings Scheme Guide and Banding Policy).**

**2a) Are there any housing needs that you feel have not been addressed?**

- yes
- no

**If yes, what are they?**

**2b) Are any of the housing needs placed in too high a band?**

- yes
- no

2c) Are any of the housing needs placed in too low a band?

- Yes
- No

If yes, what are they?

2d) Do you agree that the new banding system will give priority to those most in need of housing?

- strongly agree
- agree
- no view
- disagree
- strongly disagree

2e) Do you have any other comments on the Allocations Policy?

## **Section 2 – The Choice Based Lettings Scheme**

Through Choice Based Lettings, as each new round of properties is publicised, the banding (1-5) and *effective date* of each successful bidder in the previous session will be shown against the address of the property they were offered.

Do you agree that:

3. Customers will be able to make a more informed choice as to where they request to be housed once they can see the banding of successful bidders and how long they had been waiting for an offer?

- strongly agree
- agree
- no view
- disagree
- strongly disagree

**4. Choice Based Lettings will make it easier for customers to select where they want to live.**

- strongly agree
- agree
- no view
- disagree
- strongly disagree

**5. The new scheme will be simpler and easier to understand than the present way of allocating.**

- strongly agree
- agree
- no view
- disagree
- strongly disagree

**6. Where should properties be advertised? (You may choose as many options as you like).**

- at the Council's offices
- on a website (internet)
- advertising flyer
- supermarkets
- library
- other?

**Please give details:**

**7. What method of bidding (expressing an interest) do you think should be available? (You may choose as many as you like).**

- telephone
- in person at the Council's offices
- on a website (internet)
- by text
- other methods

**8. How many properties do you think applicants should be allowed to bid for per advertising cycle?**

- 1
- 2
- 3

**9. How often do you think homes should be advertised?**

- weekly
- fortnightly
- other

**Please specify:**

### **Section 3 – The Sherwood Forest Sub-region**

**The Sherwood Forest Sub-Regional Choice Based Lettings scheme will make it easier for customers to move throughout the area**

**10. Is it clear how the Choice Based Lettings scheme will operate within the Sherwood Forest Sub-Region?**

- very clear
- quite clear
- not very clear
- not clear at all

**11. Most CBL Schemes have a name such as: Homefinder, Homechoice, Choose a Home, B with Us.**

**At the moment this scheme is called “ViewPoint”.**

**Can you suggest a better name?**

## Section 4 – About you

To help us better understand the information you have provided, we would be grateful if you provided us with some details about yourself. This information will be kept confidential and will not be used for other purposes.

You do not have to answer these questions if you would prefer not to.

### 12. Are you:

- An existing tenant
- An applicant on the waiting list
- An elected member
- A Housing provider
- Another organisation

**If so, please specify what type of organisation**

### 13. Please specify which local authority area you have a connection to:

- Ashfield
- Mansfield

### 14. What age are you?

- 16-24
- 25-39
- 40-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75+

### 15. To which of these groups do you consider you belong?

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

**16. Are you?**

- Male
- Female

**17. How would you describe your sexual orientation?**

- Heterosexual
- Gay man
- Gay woman
- Bisexual
- Prefer not to say
- Other

**18. What is your ethnic group?**

**A. White**

- English
- Other British
- Irish
- Any other white background, write in

**B. Mixed**

- White & Black Caribbean
- White & Black African
- White & Asian
- Any other mixed background, write in

**C. Asian or Asian British**

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background, write in

**D. Black or Black British**

- Caribbean
- African
- Any other Black background, write in

**E. Other ethnic group**

- Any other, please write in

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**Thank you for taking the time to complete this Questionnaire  
Your views will be taken into account when finalising the  
Allocations Policy and Choice Based Lettings scheme**