

# Local connection criteria



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| <b>Qualifying Person</b> | <p>A Qualifying Person means a person who falls into at least one of the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Tenants of a Registered Provider;</li><li>(2) People who are on the Council’s housing register;</li><li>(3) People who cannot afford their own home but who are employed by business or public organisations within the County of Somerset or;</li><li>(4) Key workers in the public sector, such as teachers, nurses and police officers, provided that high house prices are affecting recruitment and retention or;</li><li>(5) First-time buyers who could not otherwise afford to buy a house.</li></ul>  |
| <b>Local connection</b>  | <p>Occupation of each Shared Ownership home shall be limited to those with a local connection, which shall be demonstrated by one or more of the following, in order of priority given:</p> <p>Category 1: An affordable Housing Unit will only be sold to a Qualifying Person who has immediately prior to such allocation been ordinarily resident/living within the Parish of Ashcott for a continuous period of at least 5 years.</p> <p>Category 2: In the event that a property can not be sold to a person under Category 1, the affordable Housing Unit will be sold to a Qualifying Person who can evidence that, for the period up to immediately prior to such Allocation that they have been ordinarily resident/living in the Parish of Ashcott for a continuous period of at least 3 years.</p> <p>Category 3: In the event that a property can not be sold to a person under Category 1 or 2, the affordable Housing Unit will be sold to a Qualifying Person, who can evidence that for the period up to immediately prior to such allocation, they have been ordinarily in residence within the Parish of at least 5 years within the last 20 years.</p> |

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| <b>Local connection</b> | <p>Category 4: In the event that a property can not be sold to a person under Category 1, 2 or 3, the affordable Housing Unit will be sold to a Qualifying Person who can evidence that, for the period up to immediately prior to such allocation can evidence that they have a Family Connection to the Parish of Ashcott. Family Connection, means having a parent, grandparent, child or grandchild living in the Parish of Ashcott for at least 10 years.</p> <p>Category 5: In the event that a property can not be sold to a person under Category 1, 2, 3 or 4, the affordable Housing Unit will be sold to a Qualifying Person who can evidence that, for the period immediately prior to such allocation, been ordinarily resident/living within the Parish of either Shapwick, Grienton, Greylake or Moorlynch for a continuous period of at least 5 years.</p> <p>Category 6: In the event that a property can not be sold to a person under Category 2, 3, 4 or 5, the affordable Housing Unit will be sold to a Qualifying Person, by applying the procedures in categories 1, 2, 3 or 4, but in lieu of the reference to Parish of Ashcott, it shall be substituted to the Parishes of Shapwick, Grienton, Greylake or Moorlynch.</p> <p>Category 7: In the event that a property can not be sold to a person under Category 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, the affordable Housing Unit will be sold to a Qualifying Person, by applying the procedures in categories 1, 2, 3 or 4, but in lieu of the reference to Parish of Ashcott, it shall be substituted to the Parishes of Edington, Catcott, Burtle, Westhay, Meare or Walton.</p> <p>Category 8: In the event that a property can not be sold to a person under Category 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7, the affordable Housing Unit will be sold to a Qualifying Person, who can evidence that, for the period immediately prior to such allocation, they have been permanently employed in the Parish of Ashcott. Permanently employed means a person having a permanent employed position or is self-employed for at least 16 hours a week.</p> <p>Category 9: In the event that a property can not be sold to a person under Category 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8, the affordable Housing Unit may be allocated to any Qualifying Person(s)</p> <p>*This information has been taken from the Section 106 Agreement which is a planning agreement.</p> |
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