

Islington council new homes local lettings policy

The council is committed to ensuring that its new homes are meeting the needs of the local community. We will therefore introduce a local letting policy for all the homes we construct on existing estate that will prioritise the lettings of the new homes to people currently living on the estate on which they are being built.

- This will apply to either current tenants or family members for the last 12 months
- The local lettings policy will apply to those households living on the estate where the development is taking place.
- Those households who are in housing need (over 120 points) will be able to apply for the new homes before anyone else in the borough
- The person with the highest points from the estate will be offered the property
- Under-occupiers will be able to apply for an extra bedroom but for other applicants they must fulfil the size requirements for the new homes
- Wheelchair adapted properties will be restricted to people who require such properties
- Ground floor properties will be restricted to people with an assessed need for ground floor accommodation.

Once the people in need have been allocated homes, the properties will be reserved for tenants on the estate, who wish to move into a property of the same bedroom size as their existing property, unless they are under-occupying by more than one bedroom. The tenant who has had a tenancy in their name at their current address for the longest will be offered a property.

Remaining properties will be let according to the council's housing allocation policy.

Extracted from the Islington's Allocation Scheme 2013. For the full document, please visit the website <http://www.islington.gov.uk/services/housing/findingahome>