

Appendix 1

Results of the lettings policy consultation 2013

1. The council has greater power to decide who can apply to the waiting list for rehousing. Should the following groups be allowed to apply to the waiting list?

1464 responses (multiple response)	No.	%
People with serious rent arrears or a recent history of anti-social behaviour	1081	74
People who have caused damage to their home	1084	74
People living outside the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland (except British Armed Forces)	1057	72
People without a local connection to Leeds (except British Armed Forces and homeless people)	726	50
People with no housing need (Band C) who own their own home	936	64
People with a joint yearly income of over £80,000	967	66

2. Reducing the date of registration quota. We advertise up to 25% of council properties to the person who has been on the waiting list for the longest with a local connection to the housing office area. We are proposing to reduce the number of properties advertised in this way so we can let more properties to people in housing need.

Response	No.	%
Stay the same at 25%	833	62
Reduce to 20%	124	9
Reduce to 15%	94	7
Reduce to 10%	98	7
Reduce to 5%	92	7
Other amount	109	8
Total	1350	100
Blank	114	-

3. Changes to the local connection for the date of registration quota. We are proposing to change the local connection area from housing office to council ward. Do you agree?

Response	No.	%
Yes	668	52
No	161	12
Don't know	465	36
Total	1294	100
Blank	169	-

4. Removing sheltered properties and bungalows from the date of registration quota. We propose to let all sheltered properties and bungalows to people in housing need rather than through the date of registration quota. Do you agree?

Response	No.	%
Yes	827	65
No	277	22
Don't know	168	13
Total	1272	100
Blank	192	-

5. Owner occupiers with no housing need. We propose that owner occupiers with no housing need (Band C) will have their waiting time capped at 6 months.

Response	No.	%
Yes	751	59
No	314	25
Don't know	196	16
Total	1261	100
Blank	202	-

6. Helping under occupying tenants affected by the new housing benefit rules. New rules mean some under occupying council and housing association tenants will not receive enough housing benefit to pay their rent. We are proposing to 'ring fence' some properties for tenants who need to move to a smaller property. Do you agree?

Response	No.	%
Yes	818	65
No	256	21
Don't know	171	14
Total	1245	100
Blank	219	-

7. Increasing the priority given to overcrowded council and housing association tenants. We are proposing to give higher priority to overcrowded tenants. This will help free up smaller properties for people affected by the new housing benefit rules. Do you agree?

Response	No.	%
Yes	901	73
No	199	16
Don't know	132	11
Total	1232	100
Blank	231	-

8. Housing applications from council tenants in Band C. We are proposing that council tenants in Band C will not be rehoused unless they have kept to their tenancy agreement, for example, haven't caused damage to their property. Do you agree?

Response	No.	%
Yes	975	80
No	135	11
Don't know	114	9
Total	1224	100
Blank	238	-

9. Priority Awards. We are proposing extending the time a priority is awarded from 120 to 180 days. Do you agree?

Response	No.	%
Yes	915	76
No	224	18
Don't know	77	6
Total	1216	100
Blank	247	-

10. Penalties for offer refusals. We propose to reset the date of registration for customers in Band C who refuse a reasonable offer of a property. The date would be reset to the date of the offer. Do you agree?

Response	No.	%
Yes	743	63
No	329	28
Don't know	136	9
Total	1290	100
Blank	263	-

Equality information from respondents to Talking Point consultation

1. What is your gender?

Response	No.	%
Female	748	74
Male	228	23
Prefer not to say	27	3
Total	1003	100
Blank	456	-

2. How old are you?

Response	No.	%
16-19 years	25	2
20-29 years	246	24
30-39 years	279	29
40-49 years	208	21
50-59 years	143	14
60-69 years	63	6
70-79 years	20	2
80+ years	3	0
Prefer not to say	19	2
Total	1006	100
Blank	453	-

3. What is your ethnicity

Response	No.	%
White British	771	78
White other	56	6
Asian or Asian British	22	2
Black or Black British	68	7
Mixed ethnicity	41	4
Other	33	3
Total	991	100
Blank	468	-

4. Do you consider yourself to be disabled or have a long standing impairment?

Response	No.	%
Yes	202	20
No	747	73
Prefer not to say	57	7
Total	1006	100
Blank	453	-

5. What type of impairment do you have? Please tick all that apply.

Response	No.	%
Learning disability	13	7
Long term illness or health condition	134	67
Mental health condition	66	33
Physical impairment	84	42
Sensory impairment	14	7
Other	10	5
Prefer not to say	45	23
Total (contains multiple responses)	199	
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6. What is your sexual orientation?

Response	No.	%
Heterosexual	840	86
Gay man	16	2
Lesbian / gay woman	4	0
Bisexual	16	2
Prefer not to say	102	10
Total	978	100
Blank	481	-

7. What is your marital status?

Response	No.	%
Married	237	24
Civil Partnership	19	2
Co-habiting	136	14
Single	470	47
Other	59	6
Prefer not to say	66	7
Total	987	100
Blank	472	--

8. What is your faith or religion?

Response	No.	%
Buddhist	2	0
Christian	449	46
Hindu	1	0
Jewish	2	0
Muslim	37	4
Sikh	2	0
No religion	376	39
Other	31	3
Prefer not to say	79	8

Total	979	100
Blank	480	-

9. What is your postcode

Response	No.	%
LS1	6	1
LS2	5	1
LS3	3	0
LS4	9	1
LS5	7	1
LS6	30	3
LS7	49	5
LS8	59	6
LS9	56	6
LS10	69	7
LS11	51	5
LS12	59	6
LS13	70	7
LS14	74	8
LS15	20	2
LS16	36	4
LS17	27	3
LS18	12	1
LS19	20	2
LS20	9	1
LS21	11	1
LS22	4	0
LS23	5	1
LS24	0	0
LS25	21	2
LS26	32	3
LS27	42	4
LS28	27	3
LS29	1	0
Outside Leeds	67	7
Prefer not to say	78	9
Total	959	100
Blanks	500	-