

Affordable Housing Briefing Note

Appendix 1

Local connection criteria

In the case of towns:

"Local Connection" means a connection with the Town or County as appropriate and demonstrated by that person or a member of their Household to the reasonable satisfaction of the Council:

- (a) being permanently resident therein for a continuous period of at least 12 months immediately prior to Advertising and that residence is of their own choice; or
- (b) being formerly permanently resident therein for a continuous period of five (5) years; or
- (c) having his or her place of permanent work (normally regarded as 16 hours or more a week and not including seasonal employment) therein immediately prior to Advertising; or
- (d) having a connection through a close family member (normally mother, father, brother, sister, son or daughter) where the family member is currently resident therein and has been so for a continuous period of at least five (5) years immediately prior to Advertising; or
- (e) being in such other special circumstances which the Council considers requires the applicant to reside therein as appropriate and which is consistent with the Council's Cornwall Homechoice policy as amended from time to time

"Qualifying Person" means person(s) have a Local Connection with the Town or the County - a Local Connection with the Town takes precedence

In the case of parishes:

"Area Local Connection" means a connection with the Primary Area (normally the parish) or Secondary Area (normally adjoining parishes) as appropriate and demonstrated by that person or a member of their Household to the reasonable satisfaction of the Council:

- (a) being permanently resident therein for a continuous period of at least three (3) years immediately prior to Advertising; or
- (b) being formerly permanently resident therein for a continuous period of five (5) years; or
- (c) having his or her place of permanent work (normally regarded as 16 hours or more a week and not including seasonal employment) therein for a continuous period of at least three (3) years immediately prior to Advertising; or
- (d) having a connection through a close family member (normally mother, father, brother, sister, son or daughter) where the family member is currently resident therein and has been so for a continuous period of at least five (5) years immediately prior to Advertising

"Qualifying Person" requires the person(s) to have an Area Local Connection with:

- (a) Connection with the Primary Area in the first instance; or
- (b) If after a certain period (typically 28 days) no person with a connection with the Primary Area can be identified the connection cascades out to those with connections with either the Primary or Secondary Areas;
- (c) If no person satisfying the requirements of (a) or (b) has been identified within a certain period (typically 56 days) the connection cascades out to those with connections with the Primary or Secondary Areas or a County Local Connection.

The s106 agreement requires the properties to be advertised in order to trigger the above cascades. Advertising can run concurrently.