

## **Local Lettings Policy**

### **Westmill Road flats 53 to 75 – Hitchin**

The above is a block of 12 one bedroom flats situated on the main road into the Westmill Estate . settle recognises the need to develop stable, sustainable and harmonious communities and to achieve property allocations that best suit the needs of the individual and the neighbourhood, whilst ensuring equal access to accommodation. It is felt that this can be best achieved by changing the mix of tenants and introducing a local lettings policy. Such a scheme would run along side the Common Allocations Policy.

In order to provide a settled, secure living environment for residents, it is proposed to give preference to those applicants who meet the following criteria:

- (a) Have not been involved with drug or alcohol abuse in the last five years
- (b) No history of ASB within the last two years
- (c) Are in employment, or actively seeking employment and having been in employment within the past 2 years. Exception is where people are unable to work or to look for work due to medical reasons.
- (d) Have a proven ability to sustain a tenancy

Where there is a vulnerability or known serious or lifelong condition, we will ensure customers' needs are considered so that they are not placed at risk . we will provide support to move where needed.

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