

## Local Lettings Policy

### Mill Road – Royston

The above bungalows and flats are historically retirement living, one bedroom self contained properties. There are a number of elderly residents still living in these properties, with 35 residents being between the age of 66 and 95 years old. 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 alongside the Common Housing Allocations Scheme.

In order to provide a settled, secure living environment for our current residents and to recognise that this is a shift away from retirement living into general needs, all allocations will be made to those who meet all of the following criteria:

#### For the bungalows

- Applicants will need to be over 55 years old or have a medical need for a ground floor accommodation
- With no child access
- Can demonstrate a history of managing a tenancy
- Do not require support

#### For the flats

- Applicants would need to be 35 or above
- Currently in employment
- With no access to children
- Can demonstrate a history of managing 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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