

Local Lettings Policy

Icknield Way, Letchworth

The above comprises of several one- and two-bedroom flats, which are already subject to a local lettings policy due to noise/sound insulation problems at this block. Lifestone 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 further local lettings policy for Icknield Way flats. Such a scheme would run alongside the Common Allocations Policy.

To provide a settled, secure living environment for resident's allocations will be made to all those that meet the following criteria

- a) The two-bedroom flats that have not yet undergone any soundproofing works are not suitable for families with children. They will be offered to applicants with no dependents under the age of 18 years. Then to couples with no children, and then to singles with no children subject to affordability.
- b) Where soundproofing works have been completed, these will be offered to applicants with children of any age.

All allocations must meet the following criteria:

- a) Are in employment or actively seeking employment and have been in employment within the past two years. Exception is where people are unable to work or to look for work due to medical reasons.

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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