

Allocation Policy Section	Suggested Change	Reason for Change
Suggested Change 5.4 Qualification	Applicants do not need to meet the standard 3 out of 5 years 'local connection criteria' if they are in permanent employment in the Borough instead of only a job offer as it is in the current policy	This created a two tier system surrounding permanent job offer and permanent employment that was an unintended consequence of the policy
Suggested Change 5.4 Qualification	Applicants do not need to meet the standard 3 out of 5 years 'local connection criteria' if they are survivors of domestic abuse who cannot return home or require rehousing as a result Reference to 'violence' and 'victim' also changed to 'abuse' and 'survivor'	The current policy suggests that you cannot be rehoused as a priority if you are a survivor of domestic abuse and you have not left the home. This is unintended
Suggested New Clause 5.4 Qualification	Applicants do not need to meet the standard 3 out of 5 years 'local connection criteria' if they have support needs related to their housing needs and circumstances that cannot reasonably be provided outside the Borough	The current policy does not allow for any flexibility in cases where being housed in the Borough is clearly beneficial from a support standpoint
Suggested Change 5.4 Qualification	Additional information surrounding home owners equity levels and exemptions be provided as part of the policy	To assist in the administration of the policy and to provide clarity for applicants who may own or have previously owned their own property or have financial interest in one

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Suggested Change 5.9 Care Leavers	<p>Applicants who are care leavers are currently placed in Band 2 in accordance with the policy and have exemptions in terms of length of residency in the 'local connection' criteria.</p> <p>Broxtowe Borough Council has signed up to a Care Leavers Protocol County wide and it is suggested that care leavers will be additionally prioritised (to Band 1) after 8 weeks if they have not found suitable accommodation</p>	To comply with the County wide Care Leavers Protocol
Suggested Change 5.12 Verification	<p>That applicants in current rent arrears and in former rent arrears are treated with parity.</p> <p>Applicants must provide proof that they have maintained a payment plan for at least 12 weeks to be considered</p>	Applicants that are in current and former rent arrears were considered differently, this was an unintended consequence of the policy
Suggested Change 5.16 Independent Living	The previous policy referred to Retirement Living in this section and throughout the document	The Retirement Living service is no longer operational at the Council and has been replaced by Independent Living. Independent Living is now referred to in the document where Retirement Living was previously
Suggested Change 5,19 Direct Allocations	To allow the Council to work closely in partnership with the Community Living Network at Nottinghamshire County Council in the letting of properties that are defined as 'difficult to let', generally properties in Independent Living Schemes	To assist to the Council in letting 'difficult to let' properties and to assist in partnership working
Suggested New Section 5.25 Application Exclusion	Exclusion from the Housing Register if there is sufficient evidence of anti-social behaviour or other poor conduct	To help with sustainability of tenancies and ensuring that tenants who have previously displayed poor behaviour leading to the loss of their tenancy do not access housing ahead of other applicants