

## Housing Services Local Letting Plan

### Temple Cloud Site

A local letting plan is an agreement between Housing Services and a housing provider. It decides how properties will be allocated in certain defined geographical areas. Local lettings plans will only be used in exceptional circumstances, to meet specific local issues within an area.

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## Neighbourhood profile, supporting information and views of the local community

Temple Inn is a new build mixed tenure scheme located in Temple Cloud.

14 properties are being handed over in 3 phases. Phase 1 is anticipated for June 2017, Phase 2 for August 2017 and Phase 3 is not yet confirmed, however will be at the end of the year 2017.

There is a requirement in the Section 106 Agreement for the Affordable Housing Provider (Selwood) to agree a Local Lettings Plan with Bath and North East Somerset Council.

### Temple Inn Lane, Temple Cloud

#### 6 x 1 bed flats

2 group A

2 group B

2 group C

#### 4 x 2 bed house

2 group A

1 group B

1 group C

#### 3 X 3 bed house

1 group A

1 group B

1 group C

#### 1 x 4 bed house

1 group A

## Purpose of the plan

The purpose of this plan is to ensure that housing allocations to the Temple Inn site help to create a mixed and sustainable community and contribute to making Bath & North East Somerset an even better place to live, work and visit.

This plan will be re-visited after each phase to enable us to assess the ongoing mix of the community. We would like to use the following lettings plan for these properties, and put this information on the adverts:

'These properties will be let under a new build lettings plan which has been agreed with BANES. Selwood Housing is committed to assisting BANES to meet housing need in the area together with creating thriving communities where people want to live. To achieve this there may be occasions when applicants with a lesser housing need will be considered for properties,

together with those with a smaller bed space requirement. A minimum of 40% of these vacancies will be allocated to applicants who are economically active which will include paid or unpaid work.

Selwood Housing will follow its lettings policy and procedure to assess suitability and successful applicants will be expected to demonstrate that they can succeed in a tenancy either from having managed a home themselves or, where bidders have not lived independently, that they have the skills necessary to responsibly manage a tenancy from their experience of working, volunteering, managing money, caring for others etc.'

## Objectives

The Local Letting Plan aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Provide a home for people with different housing needs;
- Create a community which is diverse and representative of the district, ensuring a broad age range of adults and children living on the development;
- Aim to provide 40% of homes to people in employment;
  
- Manage allocations to applicants with high support needs relevant to management issues;
- Balance the needs of existing social tenants and other people on the Homeseach Allocation Scheme;
- Take into account the location of individual units to ensure that the needs of an applicant can be managed appropriately within the development.

Properties will be advertised to all groups on the Homeseach Allocation Scheme.

Priority will be given to applicants with a local connection to Cameley and Temple Cloud in line with the Homeseach allocation scheme.

Where it is reasonable, applicants may be refused accommodation on the development to ensure that a mixed and sustainable community is created. For example applicants with a history of anti-social behaviour or previous tenancy management issues may be refused accommodation on the development.

## Timescale

The plan will commence in March 2017 and will be operational initially for 12 months.

## Review date

The Lettings Plan will be reviewed after twelve months.

## Equalities

All applicants will be considered individually. Housing Services and Selwood will comply with the Equality Act 2010 and provide evidence for the reason for refusing accommodation to an applicant.

## Important information

With the exception of the requirements of this Local Letting Plan, Housing Services and Selwood will comply with the Homesearch Allocation Scheme and Nomination Agreement.

Housing Services must ensure that this scheme does not dominate the Homesearch Allocation Scheme and that overall, the scheme gives reasonable preference to those in the statutory reasonable preference categories.