

LOCKLEAZE LETTINGS POLICY FACT SHEET

This fact sheet is your useful tool and checklist to find out what the policy is, if you are eligible, and next steps.



Lockleaze Local Lettings Policy (LLP)

50% of new social and affordable rented properties within Lockleaze will be allocated to applicants that meet the criteria set out in this document.

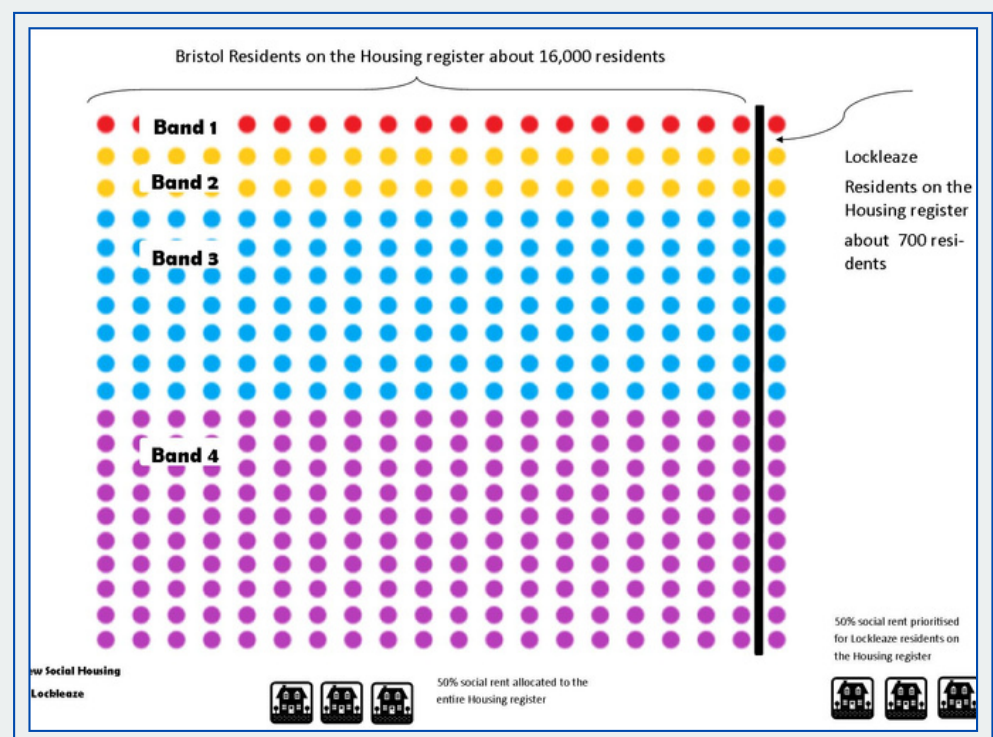
This means that if you qualify for the HomeChoice and Lockleaze Local Lettings Policy (see checklist below) you are in a smaller pool of people applying for those homes. The following diagram shows the impact of the LLP in relation to housing need across Bristol:

Background

New social housing is being built in Lockleaze!

Lockleaze

Neighbourhood Trust (LNT) has worked with residents and Bristol City Council to develop this Lettings Policy to ensure that local people in housing need have more chance of benefiting from new social housing built in Lockleaze.





The new homes won't be available on HomeChoice to bid for until they have finished building them. Developments start at different times and there is often delays to planned construction timetable.

Homes will be made available at different times over the next few years. They will be advertised on HomeChoice up to 16 weeks before tenants can move in (usually 6-8 weeks).

Checklist of things you can do yourself:

Home Choice*



- You must be in housing need as defined by HomeChoice and on the register.
- You must be active on the register
 - a. Bands 1 & 2: bid every 6 months,
 - b. Bands 3 & 4: every 12 months and have not refused more than 2 offers.
 - c. Check your account if you need to submit any documents as evidence
- Make sure you understand how the Home Choice system works and the consequences of not bidding, having an active account etc. For further details of HomeChoice requirements see BCC's guidance.
- Contact your housing officer if you still have further questions about HomeChoice.

Lockleaze Lettings Policy Criteria

(See appendix 1 for examples of evidence required)

Only 1 required



You must meet at least one of the following to be eligible for LLP:

- You live in Lockleaze and can demonstrate that you have lived here for 2 years continuously
- You work in Lockleaze for a minimum of 16 hours per week for at least 2 years
- You are currently homeless or in temporary housing and the last place that you lived was Lockleaze, for at least 2 years
- You have moved out of the area in the last 2 years, are still in housing need and previously lived in Lockleaze for at least 2 years

If you are eligible to access the LLP we would recommend:

Read the full LLP. Paper version of the LLP is also available at the Hub on Gainsborough Square.

Contact your housing Officer and make sure you state that you are eligible somewhere in your bid.

* Please note, BCC is currently reviewing the HomeChoice Bristol system

Need to know more?

- [Link to the full LLP can be found here: https://tinyurl.com/bdzcu7sa](https://tinyurl.com/bdzcu7sa)
- Home choice Bristol 0117 922 2400 hcb.enquiries@bristol.gov.uk

- BCC 'How to Bid' Guidance:

https://www.bristol.gov.uk/documents/20182/32791/BD6780_How_to_Bid_Paginated+FINAL+13.05.15.pdf

- CHAS - Bristol-based housing advice service Telephone – 0117 935 1260 Email – advice@chasbristol.co.uk <https://www.chasbristol.co.uk>

- Shelter – National housing charity with free emergency helpline or local service team based in Bristol. For advice or guidance, call 03301 755 121 between the hours of 9am–5pm, Monday to Friday

https://england.shelter.org.uk/housing_advice

- Bristol Law Centre - Charity providing free legal advice in social welfare law, including housing, and also represents clients in court. Phone 0117 924 8662, Monday-Friday 10am-12pm & 2pm-4pm

<https://www.bristollawcentre.org.uk>

- General information on housing From citizens advice bureau <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/housing/>

- If you don't have access to a computer or the internet there are computers available for use at the Cameron Centre library and Gain Space on Gainsborough Square.





What is a Local Lettings Policy (LLP?)

A Local Lettings Policy can allow existing members of the existing Lockleaze community who meet the LLP criteria to be given priority in the allocation of new homes built for social rent. To ensure those in most serious need across the city are also taken care of, the Lockleaze Lettings Policy will apply to 50% of new social rent homes (and 100% for community-led projects).

Appendix - Examples of Evidence for the Lockleaze Lettings Policy

Gather your Local lettings policy evidence (Lockleaze residency or Lockleaze employment)

Eligibility Requirement  Proof Required  Examples of Evidence

You live in Lockleaze and have for at least 2 years

History of Address

Utility Bills, Council Tax, Electoral Roll, bank account

You work in Lockleaze and have for at least 2 years (16 hours per week)

Proof of Employment

P60, contract, payslips

You are currently homeless or in temporary housing and the last place that you lived was Lockleaze, for at least 2 years

History of Address

Utility Bills, Council Tax, Electoral Roll, bank account, notification of temporary accommodation from BCC

You have moved out of the area in the last 2 years, are still in housing need and previously lived in Lockleaze for at least 2 years.

History of Address

As above