

S106 local connection criteria

Our homes at Charter Walk have a Section 106 agreement, a condition set by planning for this development. One of the criteria in the S106 agreement is that all applicants purchasing a shared ownership home will need to have a local connection.

“Local Connection” means a connection with the Town or County as appropriate and demonstrated by that person or a member of their Household to the reasonable satisfaction of the Council: A person with a Local Connection with the Town shall take precedence

To confirm your local connection, the applicant[s] will need to show evidence of the following:

- a. being permanently resident therein for a continuous period of at least 12 months immediately prior to advertising and that residence is of their own choice; or**
- b. being formerly permanently resident therein for a continuous period of five (5) years; or**
- c. having his or her place of permanent work (normally regarded as 16 hours or more a week and not including seasonal employment) therein immediately prior to Advertising; or**
- d. having a connection through a close family member (normally mother, father, brother, sister, son or daughter) where the family member is currently resident therein and has been so for a continuous period of at least five (5) years immediately prior to Advertising.**

Residency - sufficient evidence to cover the relevant local connection period for prospective purchaser or close family member as appropriate the easiest way to prove the local connection is via the Electoral Roll on the credit report or we can accept the following documents:

- Utility bills (gas electric phone etc) Council tax bills
- Bank/Building Society account/credit card statements
- State benefit books or receipts showing rent paid
- Payslips showing home address
- Written certification from either a Solicitor/ Social Worker/ Probation Officer/ Inland Revenue Officer/ Police Officer/ Teacher or Doctor

Employment - sufficient evidence to cover the relevant local connection period

- Payslips showing employer's address
- Employer's letter confirming length and terms of employment (including hours worked if applicable)

Under Occupation

The Council reserves the right not to allow the sale of an affordable dwelling to a qualifying Person with a local connection with the Town should the sale result in an under occupancy of the Affordable dwelling by more than one bedroom.

Armed Forces Personnel

Those personnel that fall under the following criteria shall not be required to have a Local Connection with the Town or County

- is serving in the regular forces or who has served in the regular forces within five years of the date of their application for an allocation of housing under Part 6 of the 1996 Act;
- has recently ceased, or will cease to be entitled, to reside in accommodation provided by the Ministry of Defence following the death of that person's spouse or civil partner where—
- the spouse or civil partner has served in the regular forces; and
- their death was attributable (wholly or partly) to that service; or
- is serving or has served in the reserve forces and who is suffering from a serious injury, illness or disability which is attributable (wholly or partly) to that service

