

Criteria from SCDC for being considered as having a strong local connection to the village

Dear Cllr Turner.

As requested please see below.

Local Connection

An applicant will be considered to have a strong local connection to the village if they meet one of the following criteria:

- a) The applicant has worked (paid employment) in the village for the last 12 months for sixteen hours or more per week; or
- b) The applicant has lived in the village for at least 5 years out of the last 8 years; or
- c) The applicant has family members who are resident in the village. Family members are defined as parents, children or brothers or sisters who have been resident in the village for a period of 5 years or longer. Other close family ties will be considered in agreement with SCDC on a case by case basis; or
- d) There are special circumstances that SCDC considers give rise to a local connection to the village, for example where the applicant's substantive role is as a carer to a person resident in the village.

The Housing Provider should make all reasonable efforts to verify the information:

- Evidence of local connection should be requested by the allocating housing provider such as proof of address and length of residence for the applicant or relative, or proof of employment
- Any cases assessed by the housing provider under criteria (d) are agreed with SCDC.

Where an applicant has a local connection as defined above, applicants with the highest priority need will be given priority in accordance with the Council's Allocations Policy. No weighting is given to the local connection status for defining priority need.

Regards
Home Link Team