

## Introduction

This is Enfield's Housing Allocations Scheme. It tells you how we assess applications for housing and allocate social rented homes owned by Enfield Council and partner housing associations to households on Enfield's Housing Register.

Enfield is a very popular place to live. Many people want to rent a Council or housing association in Enfield. We expect demand for social rented homes in Enfield to increase as a result of the current economic climate and cuts in public expenditure including government welfare reform policies.

We have a severe shortage of housing. Just under 8,000 households are looking for this type of home through our Housing Register. On average 400 households join the Register each month. We expect to let 775 homes next year of which only 212 homes will have 3 or more bedrooms.

We are committed to increasing the supply of homes in the borough and our 15 year Housing Strategy describes our plans for doing this.

Most people on Enfield's Housing Register will never be offered a Council or housing association home. They will need to consider other housing options. This would include low cost home ownership schemes and renting from a private landlord.

### ***Enfield Council's Aims***

Enfield's Housing Allocations Scheme has been developed in a way that supports the Council's aims of:

- Fairness for all
- Building Strong Communities
- Growth and Sustainability
- **Fairness for all**

Fairness for all will be demonstrated in the following ways through the Allocations Scheme:

- Setting the Allocations Scheme within a wider housing advice and options approach
- Assisting applicants with a disability, older people and those with support needs to apply for housing through the Housing Register
- Enabling housing applicants to exercise choice through our choice based lettings system and taking preference into account when we make direct offers
- Maximising the supply of accessible homes for those with a disability