

Appendix 3 – List of housing circumstances regarded as a reasonable preference

Part 6 of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended) expects local authority housing allocations schemes to give a 'reasonable preference', or a head start, to the following groups of applicants for social rented housing:

- People who are homeless
- People occupying insanitary, overcrowded or otherwise unsatisfactory housing
- People who need to move for medical or welfare reasons, and
- People who need to move to a particular location, for example to be nearer to special medical facilities.

Giving a reasonable preference to an applicant does not mean they will have automatic priority for a social rented home.

The lists below set out the housing circumstances that Enfield will have regard to when awarding reasonable preference:

Insanitary, overcrowded and unsatisfactory housing conditions

Nationally defined circumstances:

- Lacking bathroom or kitchen
- Lacking inside WC
- Lacking cold or hot water supplies, electricity, gas, or adequate heating
- Lack of access to a garden for young children
- Sharing living room, kitchen, bathroom/WC
- Property in disrepair
- Poor internal or external arrangements
- Young children in flats above ground floor