

## **Appendix 8 – Housing Options and Advice**

Applicants will find housing options information and advice on the housing pages on Enfield Council's website at [www.enfield.gov.uk](http://www.enfield.gov.uk). Information about all of the options below can be found on the website.

[www.housingoptions.org.uk](http://www.housingoptions.org.uk) is a useful website for applicants with learning difficulties

Applicants are strongly recommended to consider all possible options for their future housing. Even if applicants are awarded a high priority under Enfield's Allocations Scheme, other options may still meet their needs more quickly.

### **Housing Options and Advice for All**

#### **Homeless or at risk of being made homeless**

We are committed to preventing homelessness where possible.

Applicants who are already homeless or at risk of losing their home, should contact the Council's Housing Options and Advice Service immediately. We may be able to help applicants keep their current home, at least for a little longer. Being made homeless does not mean an applicant will be housed more quickly than other people in need. Telephone 020 8379 1000 for more information or go to Enfield's website [www.enfield.gov.uk](http://www.enfield.gov.uk) and type "help if you are at risk of losing your home" into the search box.

#### **Staying Put and getting help to make the property more suitable to live in**

If your home is in a poor state of repair then please contact the Council's Private Sector Housing Enforcement Team on 020 8379 1000 for advice.

If you are having problems with your landlord or you have been asked to leave your private rented home there may be able to help. Please contact the Council's Housing Options and Advice Service on 020 8379 1000.

If you are an older person or you have a disability and are finding it difficult to live in your home and think it could be adapted to better meet your needs contact the Council on 020 8379 1000 for advice on your options.

#### **Low cost home ownership homes.**

There are schemes to help you to buy a home of your own. If you are in regular employment, you may be eligible for one of these schemes.

**FIRST STEPS** to home ownership in London is a free to use service for first time buyers looking to buy a home for less. Go to [www.firststeps/london.org](http://www.firststeps/london.org) to find out more.