

Your Housing Application

Application number

Number of points

If you have any questions about your application, you can ring Customer Services on 01775 761161, or send an email to us at info@sholland.gov.uk.

This update includes recent news about council house lettings and other affordable housing options which might be interesting to you. In this edition we have some information about low cost ownership schemes, and how you can show your interest in these schemes.

Last year's Lettings

- Between April 2005 and March 2006 we had 245 council properties available to let.
- Most of these lettings were to people on the housing register- only 30% were to people who were homeless. This is good as it means we are helping people with all housing problems, and helping people before they are actually homeless.
- 96% of our new tenants are white British people.
- On average there were 31 days between the old tenant leaving a property and the new tenant moving in.
- Our properties are popular- 65% are accepted by the first person we offer them to.

As you know, our lettings policy has a housing needs points system. People are given different numbers of points depending upon their housing need. When we let our properties, we look at who has the highest amount of points for that type of property. The information below shows the range of points people have had in the last 6 months.

No. of bedrooms	Property type	Area	Points needed
Houses and Flats			
2 & 3 bedroom	house	all areas	100 - 200
1 & 2 bedroom	flats	all areas	160 - 230
Sheltered Housing (with a support service for older people)			
1 bedroom	bungalow	all areas	0 - 135
2 bedroom	bungalow	all areas	40 - 160
1 bedroom	flat	all areas	170 - 230
Bungalows			
1 bedroom	bungalow	all areas	30 - 40
2 bedroom	bungalow	all areas	0 - 200



Low Cost Home Ownership

What is Low Cost Home Ownership?

Any scheme that helps people in housing need to buy properties that they could otherwise not afford. Each of the schemes has its own rules on who is eligible and how much help you can get. Usually you buy a proportion of your home, and the developers keep a proportion of the value.

How can I access a Low Cost Home Ownership schemes?

There is a new service set up to manage applications for Low Cost Home Ownership. The service is called **'home2you'**. They will assess whether someone is eligible and keep a list of eligible people. home2you will send out information about provide advice about new schemes in the district.

When you completed the housing register application form you were asked if you would be interested in shared equity properties. Shared equity is a form of Low Cost Home Ownership.

If you ticked the shared equity box, home2you will be sending you a letter shortly explaining the various Low Cost Home Ownership initiatives and how you can apply to be on their waiting list.

If you did not tick the shared equity box but would now like to be considered for low cost housing, please contact Customer Services at the Council on 01775 761161 to tell us you are interested.

You can also contact home2you direct on 0845 845 0800.

New schemes in the area

- 3 shared equity houses,
Willow Close, Tydd St. Mary. Due for completion late December 2006.
Contact Muir Group on 01480 453234.
- 5 shared equity houses,
Traverner's Mews, Long Sutton. 2 houses due for completion April 2006, 3 due in July 2006.
Contact Boston Mayflower on 01205 318606.
- 6 shared equity houses,
Wygate Park, Spalding. Due for completion August 2006.
Contact Longhurst Homes on 0845 601 9095.
- 5 shared equity houses,
Pinchbeck Road, Spalding. Due for completion August 2006.
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- 30 shared equity properties,
St. Thomas Road, Spalding. Due for completion Spring 2007.
Contact Longhurst Homes on 0845 601 9095.

There are also local private developers who provide low cost home ownership and you should keep a look out for publicity in your local paper.

