

## Your Housing Application

### Application number

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](mailto:info@sholland.gov.uk).

## SO JUST HOW MANY APPLICATIONS DO WE REGISTER?

In total we have **1,786 applicants on our housing register** and during the first 6 months of this year we registered 615 new housing applications; this included 67 applications from residents who wish to transfer. We have re-housed 52 of these applicants and 11 have been re-housed by housing associations.

It is vital that you keep us up-to-date with any changes in your circumstances, you could be losing out on points and if we can't find you we can't let you know what's going on. You need to tell us about changes to your household, address, medical conditions, area choice preference. You can do this by contacting Customer Services on 01775 761161, or send an email to us at [info@sholland.gov.uk](mailto:info@sholland.gov.uk). You can also download a change of address form from [www.sholland.gov.uk/housing/](http://www.sholland.gov.uk/housing/).

### This update includes information about:

- the recent changes to our Allocation Policy
- the number of housing applications we register
- update on affordable housing
- a new lettings scheme, Choice Based Lettings.

## Changes to the Allocations Policy

A number of you will notice a change in the number of points you have.




This is because we have amended our policy so that everyone who is eligible for Local Needs points (20) will receive them.

In the past we have only awarded these points if other housing needs points have been awarded.

### You are eligible for Local Connection points if:

- you have been a permanent resident in the district for at least six months out of the last 12
- you have adult relations (children, parents, sisters, brothers) who have been permanent residents in the district for 3 years continuously out of the last 5 years
- you are elderly or disabled and need to move to be near adult relations (children, parents, sisters, brothers) who have been permanent residents in the district for 3 years continuously out of the last 5 years
- you have lived in the district previously for a minimum of 12 months continuously.

#### Translation available

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-  Тлумачення доступне
-  a tradução disponível

This document is available in other formats on request.



## AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNDER CONSTRUCTION

For more information on the shared ownership properties ring the relevant housing association or developer for more details.

**For the rented properties you must be on our housing register to be eligible for these properties.**

8 x 2 bed 4 persons houses for rent and 4 x 3 bed 4 persons house for shared ownership in Hallgate, **Holbeach** due for completion Dec 2007.

2 shared ownership and 4 for rent in Magellan Way, **Spalding**, due for completion Dec 2007.

Contact: Longhurst on 0845 601 9095  
[www.longhurst-group.org.uk](http://www.longhurst-group.org.uk)

4 3 bed shared ownership in West Parade, **Spalding** due for completion Sept/Oct 2007.

Contact: Circle Anglia on 0845 660 344

7 shared ownership and 15 for rent at Flaxmill Lane, in **Pinchbeck** due for completion in Feb 2008.

Contact: Home2you on 0845 845 0800

22 shared ownership and 25 for rent in Holland Park, **Spalding** - over 3 stages, stage 1 started in April 2007.

Contact: 01406 380532  
[www.broadgate-homes.com](http://www.broadgate-homes.com)

**Housing Steps**



Housing steps is the new domain for the Council's affordable housing pages; here you can find

### YOUR GUIDE TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

information on affordable housing developments, Low Cost Home Ownership and contact details for housing associations and developers.

Haven't got internet access? then ring 01775 761161 for more details.

[www.housingsteps.co.uk](http://www.housingsteps.co.uk)

## THE FUTURE

### A NEW WAY FOR SOCIAL AND PRIVATE LANDLORDS TO ALLOCATE THEIR PROPERTIES IN THE LINCOLNSHIRE AREA

## 'Sub-regional choice based lettings'

Hello my name is Corey Henry and I am the Sub-Regional Choice Based lettings Project Manager, based at South Holland. The governments aim is for all social housing providers in the country to have Sub-Regional Choice based lettings schemes in place by 2010

### What is sub-regional choice based lettings (CBL)?

Sub-regional CBL brings together a number of local authorities and housing associations in schemes which cross local authority boundaries.

**You will be able to register your application as normal, however the processing will be slightly different.**

**Properties will be advertised weekly with a deadline for you to make a bid for the property. If you are not eligible for a property the system will automatically tell you.**

**You will be able to bid for properties via a number of different ways for example telephone, text, reception and I am currently looking at ways people can bid for properties using Digital TV.**

## THE BENEFITS

- They bring together a larger pool of available housing, giving you more choice.
- They enable partner organisations to share costs.

South Holland is the lead organisation on this project and it is envisaged that the Sub-Regional Choice based lettings scheme will be up and running by summer 2008.

*Many Thanks, Corey Henry*

