

## Appendix 2: Summary - Allocation Scheme Consultation Review

Proposal	Supported	Not Supported	Proceed	Apply Retrospectively	Comments
Increase residency requirement to five years:	56%	44%	Yes	No	It is expected this will decrease the number of qualifying applicants whilst ensuring preference is given to longstanding Bromley residents with a high need for housing. It also mirrors the highest residency requirements of adjoining local authorities.
Reduce priority for under occupiers (from Band E to Band 1)	81%	19%	Yes	Yes Approximate number affected: 30 households	It is expected to decrease the numbers in the emergency band, maximising flexibility to assist those with an emergency need to move.
Remove from the register those lacking one bedroom (who <u>are not</u> tenants of partner housing associations):	51%	49%	Yes	Yes Approximate number affected: 860 households	These households wait many years to secure accommodation via the register. There are approximately 860 (non HA partner) households currently included on the register who are lacking one bedroom. Of that less than 20 have secured a move to social housing this financial year.
Retain on the Housing Register those lacking one bedroom (who <u>are</u> tenants of partner Housing Associations)	74%	26%	Yes	N/A	Allowing moves within social housing stock makes best use of the units and increases opportunities for new applicants via the housing register.
Remove from the Register those who are intentionally homeless or homeless but not in priority need.	73%	27%	No	Yes – see comments	Since the consultation was embarked upon new case law has come into effect preventing local authorities from removing, in entirety, those who must be awarded a reasonable preference i.e. all homeless households. We therefore propose to allow homeless households who are not in priority need to remain in Band 3. Applicants who are assessed as being intentionally homeless will be placed in Band 4 (reduced priority band).
Reduce the number of properties an applicant can be shortlisted for (if in 1 <sup>st</sup> place) to one.	73%	27%	Yes	No	It is expected that this will reduce administration and speed up the lettings process.
Reduce the number of properties an applicant can refuse from two to one.	36%	64%	Yes	No	Given the scarcity of accommodation choice is limited. It is expected that limited the number of refusals will increase move on time and reduce administration. In light of the comments made we propose amending existing practices in order to better support applicants to bid and make informed bidding choices.
Increase flexibility regarding direct offers	89%	11%	Yes	N/A	It is expected that this will allow greater control of nominations and allow best use of stock.