

South Wonston Housing Need Report

There are a total of 19 active applications with a qualifying local connection to the parish of South Wonston as of 02/12/2020 on the Hampshire Home Choice housing register. The information extracted from the Hampshire Home Choice housing register is only accurate as of 02/12/2020 and is only as accurate as the information provided by the applicants' themselves.

In accordance with the Hampshire Home Choice Allocation Framework, the qualifying local connection to a small village or parish is defined as follows:

- Ordinarily resident in the village or parish.
- Previously ordinarily resident in the village or parish prior to the date of allocation and has family who ordinarily reside there.
- Employment – current or to take up permanent employment in village or parish.
- To support or be supported by member of family ordinarily resident in the village or parish.

All of the above criteria are considered equal and therefore applicants who have a confirmed connection to South Wonston may not live in the village/parish. Applicants with a confirmed connection would be given preference ahead of applicants who do not should they register a bid of interest on a property they are eligible for.

Some social housing properties/developments in the village/parish may be subject to Section 106 restrictions for example, the small development of La Frenaye Place has a section 106 agreement which dictates that applicants with stronger connections should be considered first and sets out a cascade of priorities for these connections.

Of the 19 applicants 1 is in band 2, 17 are in band 3 and 1 is in band 4. Band 2 is high priority, band 3 medium and band 4 low. Band 1 is reserved for emergency/urgent moves. For the sake of this exercise the band 4 applicant will be ignored as they are determined as not requiring/permitted social housing at this point in time due to their current accommodation.

The table below identifies the demand for the different sizes of accommodation. Applicants aged 55 or over are separated as some of these applicants are considered to be suitable for Sheltered or age-restricted accommodation, i.e. bungalows, either now or in the near future.

Age bracket	1 bed need	2-bed need	3-bed need	4-bed need
18-54	7	2	2	1
55+	4	1	1	0
Total	11	3	3	1

The majority of applicants are in band 3 and they have a requirement to be considered for social housing accommodation. Examples for band 3 priority could include being overcrowded in current accommodation, requiring a move on “medium” priority health and welfare grounds, living in private rented accommodation or living with family or friends. It is important to note that band 3 **is not** a low priority for housing and the vast majority of applicants to Hampshire Home Choice sit in this banding. Therefore, there is an established need for social housing in South Wonston.

The requirement for 1-bedroom accommodation is in most demand. 10 of the 11 applicants with an assessed 1-bed need are either private tenants, lodgers or living with family and/or friends and therefore do not currently have long-term secure accommodation.

It is very important to note that if an applicant has a confirmed connection to a village/parish this **does not** mean that they wish to live there. In short, having 11 applicants with a 1-bed need does not mean 11 properties need to be built and indeed, only 5 applicants with a 1-bed need have stated they wish to live in South Wonston as a preference. There is a mix across the age brackets.

The applicants with a 2, 3 & 4 bed need are all families and the vast majority have stated they wish to live in South Wonston as a preference. This is not unusual for small villages/parishes on account that families tend to remain in the village, have a desire to move closer to family who live there for support and/or return to the villages they grew up in.