



SEFTON COUNCIL EXTRA CARE HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY CONSULTATION.

Extra Care Housing Allocations Policy Consultation.

Extra Care housing is specialist housing that joins accommodation with care and support services. This offers safe, private, and secure accommodation and allowing people to retain their independence and stay in their own home.

Sefton has a population that is living longer, and people tell us that a preference is to be able to remain in their own home, with the ability to access care and support if needed at some stage.

For those who already have support needs, or whose health is declining and indicates that they may need more help in the coming years, extra care housing offers the option to meet these needs.

We want to develop 1,300 extra care homes by 2036, this will be in approximately fifteen schemes across Sefton.

We are developing an Extra Care Allocations Policy.

The allocations policy will set out a clear pathway that is open and transparent and available to Sefton residents. It will make sure those in need are prioritised fairly and objectively.

The aim of the policy is to promote independence and well-being, making a balanced, vibrant, and sustainable community for residents with care and support needs. This is within the setting of extra care housing which will play a key role in preventing and avoiding admissions to residential care and hospitals.

The Extra Care Allocations Policy provides the criteria by which people applying for accommodation in Extra Care Housing in Sefton are assessed. And, if eligible the process and system for allocating appropriate available accommodation.

This allocations policy will require further work following our consultation before the presentation of the final version to **Cabinet**. Cabinet is a group of Sefton Councillors who take most of the final decisions about what the Council does, it is made up of a leader and nine other members.

Consultation with key stakeholders is vital to ensure that the policy is robust, fair and helps meet housing needs with the Borough.

Why do we need your feedback.

Engagement and consultation are very important in Sefton. It's vital to the council and our partners that we understand the views of residents and use that information to develop services, products and communications that work for them. We want to make sure that we support people and our communities to get involved in the public services they receive.

What will we do with your feedback.

We want to make sure what people need are met now and in the future within the policy.

Your feedback is important to us and will form part of a report that will go to Cabinet in the Summer of 2023 for final approval.

Key Messages and Survey.

We would like your views and comments on the draft Extra Care Allocations Policy. We would ask that you read the key messages document below and complete the short survey.

You can also read the more detailed [Extra Care Allocations Policy](#), or search for 'Extra Care Housing' on Sefton Council's website.



Survey

You can scan this code with your phone camera to go to this survey online.

1. I am responding as:

- Member of the public.
- Councillor.
- Registered provider.
- Other. Please tell us.
- Carer.
- Stakeholder Group.
- Advocate.

2. What is the first part of your postcode. Only the first 3 or 4 characters, for example L9 5 or PR8 2.

The information you give us is used in line with the Extra Care Housing Allocations Consultation **Privacy Policy**, which is at the end of this document.

Key Messages.

- This is Sefton's first Extra Care Allocations Policy.
- To be eligible for Extra Care Housing in Sefton you must meet the three criteria in the policy which are:
 - Local Connection.
 - Age.
 - Care or support need.
- If you are nominated by Adult Social Care for a placement within Extra Care Housing, you will have an assessment regarding your finances. This will be completed by the housing provider to determine if you are eligible based on your financial situation.

We want your views and comments on the proposed Extra Care Allocation Policy. We want to focus on the following areas:

Extra Care Eligibility.

To be considered for Extra Care housing applicants must meet the following criteria:

Local Connection.

To access affordable rented Extra Care Housing within Sefton the applicant must show they have a local connection. To show a local connection, an applicant must have been living in the borough continuously for the previous 24 months.

3. Do you agree with the proposed criteria of Local Connection?

Yes.

No.

Any comments? Please tell us in box below:

Age.

55+ will be the initial qualifying age criteria. However, someone below this age with for example a long-term disability, considerable care needs and older carers of adults with disabilities will be considered.

Couples can apply when one or both meet the criteria.

Scenarios of being under 55 and eligible.

Long term disability for example could be a resident aged 50 with either Multiple Sclerosis / Parkinson's Disease / or early on set Dementia who's needs could be met within an Extra Care setting.

Considerable care needs could be a resident aged 48 who requires a significant package of care to assist with daily living and personal care due to their disabilities and health conditions.

Older carers of adults with disabilities could be a couple in their 70's with a son or daughter in their 40's, who has learning disabilities, to who they provide the care and support for.

4. Do you agree with the proposed age criteria of 55+?

Yes.

No.

Any comments? Please tell us in box below:

5. Do you agree with the proposed criteria to also consider people under the age of 55?

Yes.

No.

Any comments? Please tell us in box below:

Support Needs.

One applicant must meet at least one of the following criteria: -

- Have a support or care needs as identified through a Care Act Assessment. For example, a person who has been assessed by a Social Worker.
- Currently living in a residential home and or nursing care setting.
- Have care and support needs due to a range of difficulties or disabilities as identified by an Adult Social Care assessment; or
- Be an older carer of a partner or with a son/daughter or dependent with a learning/ physical/ or mental health disability who needs care and support.

6. Do you agree with the proposed criteria to also consider people with support needs?

Yes.

No.

Any comments? Please tell us in box below:

7. Do you have any other comments or ideas?

**Sefton Council.
Extra Care Housing Policy
Consultation.
Privacy Notice.**

Sefton Council would like to tell you about our Privacy Notice for the consultation about the Extra Care Housing Allocations Policy.

This privacy notice is for the Extra Care Housing Allocations Policy Consultation. It will explain **what we do with the personal information we collect.**

In this questionnaire we will collect information about:

- IP addresses (this is a computer code to show what computer the information comes from).
- Postcode (first 3 or 4 letter and numbers only).
- Equality questions.

What personal information we collect.

In this consultation we collect

- IP address.
- Postcode (first 3 or 4 letters and numbers only)
- Age.
- Sexuality.
- Gender.
- Disability.
- Religion.
- Race or ethnicity.

Why we collect and use this information.

Sefton Council are asking people to have their say about the Extra Care Housing Allocations Policy Consultation.

IP addresses that identify computers.

- The IP addresses are collected to make sure only one response per resident is received.
- Once this is checked the IP address information is deleted.

Postcode (first 3 or 4 letters and numbers only)

- The postcode is collected to show what areas of Sefton are responding to the questionnaire.
- This also lets us know if we need to use different ways to contact areas of Sefton who are not responding.

Equalities Questions.

- These are collected to show what groups of people are responding to the questionnaire.
- This also lets us know if we need to use different ways to contact groups of people who are not responding.

How long we keep your information.

The IP address will be deleted immediately after the checks are done.

The equalities and postcode information will be kept until the information has been looked at and a report written.

How we use the information and who we share the information with.

The information collected in this questionnaire will only be used as numbers in the report.

No information is collected that tells us who you are.

Storing the information.

All information is kept safe.

Sefton Council follows the laws around data protection.

The laws.

We need to make sure we

- Only ask the questions we need to in the questionnaire.
- Ask the equalities questions.

The law says we must ask and act on this information.

It helps us to know what groups of people are responding to the questionnaire.

It also helps us to know that we are not missing groups of people.

Confidential.

Your answers will not tell us who you are.

The answers will be collected to help us know what people think.

Who will we share this information with?

Your information will not be shared with any other organisations.

Asking to see your personal information.

You can ask to see what personal information we keep about you.

Be aware there are some rules about why some information cannot be shared.

You can refuse to answer any questions in the questionnaire.

If you want to ask to see your personal information you can. Use the Council [website to complete a request form.](#)

Or you can call Sefton Council on

0345 140 0845

Contacts

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