

Local Connection criteria

The following outlines the general local connection criteria in Worcestershire:

Only those households that have a local connection to the District can qualify for new build homes built on exception sites. Depending on the allocation system, these applicants will either be considered by their Housing Need Team or they can bid for vacancies under the Home Choice scheme.

This means that priority for vacancies in the smaller rural communities of the district will be given to households with a local connection to that particular town or village.

A member of a household has a local connection to an area if:

- They have permanent employment
- They are a resident or were previously a resident e.g. 6 out of the last 12 months or 3 years out of the last 5 years
- They have a close family member e.g. parent, grandparent, child, brother or sister who are a resident
- There are other special local connection circumstances e.g. a long term need to receive or give specialist local support