

Local connection Policy

Affordable houses in Olney shall only be occupied by persons (and their dependants) whose housing needs are not met by the market and:

- a. who have a minimum period of 10 years permanent and continuous residence in the parish or an adjoining parish; or
- b. who are not now resident in the parish or an adjoining parish but have a local connection with the parish including a period of permanent and continuous residence of 10 years or more within the last 20; or
- c. who have an essential need to live close to another person who has a minimum of 10 years permanent and continuous residence in the parish or an adjoining parish, the essential need arising from proven age or medical reasons; or
- d. who need to live close to their place of work in the parish or an adjoining parish.

Where such a person cannot be found, an affordable house may then be occupied by persons (and their dependants) whose housing needs are not met by the market and:

- a. who have a minimum period of five years permanent and continuous residence in the parish or an adjoining parish; or
- b. who are not now resident in the parish or an adjoining parish but have a local connection with the parish including a period of permanent and continuous residence of five years or more within the last 10; or
- c. who have an essential need to live close to another person who has a minimum of five years permanent and continuous residence in the parish or an adjoining parish, the essential need arising from proven age or medical reasons.

Where such a person cannot be found, affordable homes may then be occupied by persons (and their dependants) whose housing needs are not met by the market and:

- a. who have a minimum period of 10 years permanent and continuous residence in the additional adjoining parishes listed below; or

- b. who are not now resident in the parish or an adjoining parish but have a local connection with the additional adjoining parishes listed below including a period of permanent and continuous residence of 10 years or more within the last 20; or
- c. who have an essential need to live close to another person who has a minimum of 10 years permanent and continuous residence in the additional adjoining parishes listed below, the essential need arising from proven age or medical reasons; or
- d. who need to live close to their place of work in the additional adjoining parishes listed below.

The additional adjoining parishes are: Yardley Hastings, Warrington, Clifton Reynes, Tyringham and Filgrave, Emberton and Weston Underwood.