

Housing Allocations Policy Consultation	
Demographic Q's	Answer Type:
Select one of the following that best describes who you are?	Spelthorne resident; Work in Spelthorne but do not live in Spelthorne; Councillor; County Councillor; On behalf of a Registered Provider; On behalf of a Statutory Organisation; On behalf of a Voluntary Organisation; Other
If you are a Spelthorne resident, which postcode does your address fall under?	TW15, TW16, TW17, TW18, TW19, Not Applicable
Do you currently have an application with Spelthorne Borough Council's existing housing register?	Yes; No
How would you describe your household make-up?	Single person; Couple without children; Family with 1 child; Family with 2 children; Family with 3 children; Family with 4+ children;
Which age range do you fall under?	Under 18, 18-34, 35-54, 55+, prefer not to say
Which of the following best describes your gender?	Male; Female; Non-Binary; Prefer not to say; Other
Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?	Heterosexual; Homosexual; Bisexual; Prefer not to say; Other
Which of the following best describes your ethnicity?	White English; Welsh; Scottish; Northern Irish; Irish; British; Gypsy or Irish Traveller; Asian or Asian British Indian; Pakistani; Bangladeshi ; Chinese ; Black, African, Caribbean or Black British African; Caribbean; Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups White and Black Caribbean; White and Black African; White and Asian; Prefer not to say; Any Other Ethnic Group
Which of the following best describes your region or your belief?	No religion or belief; Buddhist; Christian; Hindu; Jewish; Muslim; Sikh; Prefer not to say; Other
Do you consider yourself to have a disability, long-term illness or health condition	Yes; No; Not Sure; Prefer not to say
Which of the following best describes your employment status?	Student; Employed/Self Employed; Unemployed; Apprenticeship Scheme/Training; Retired; Prefer not to say; Other
Are you currently serving or a veteran in the UK Armed Forces, a member of service personnel's immediate family or a reservist or in part time service such as the Territorial Army?	Yes; No; Not Sure; Prefer not to say
Policy Q's	Answer Type:
How far do you agree with our proposed banding system?	Strongly Agree; Agree; Neither Agree or Disagree; Disagree; Strongly Disagree. Allow free text box for additional comments.
How far do you agree with the local connection criteria?	Strongly Agree; Agree; Neither Agree or Disagree; Disagree; Strongly Disagree. Allow free text box for additional comments.
How far do you agree with the following proposal? Housing register applicants who subsequently serve a prison sentence will have their housing register application suspended for the duration of their prison stay.	Strongly Agree; Agree; Neither Agree or Disagree; Disagree; Strongly Disagree. Allow free text box for additional comments.
How far do you agree with our proposal to set up automatic bidding for certain groups on the housing register?	Strongly Agree; Agree; Neither Agree or Disagree; Disagree; Strongly Disagree. Allow free text box for additional comments.
Currently, working households are given preferential advertising on 10% of properties that become available to let. How far do you agree with our proposal to also include applicants who contribute to the community by volunteering for charity?	Strongly Agree; Agree; Neither Agree or Disagree; Disagree; Strongly Disagree. Allow free text box for additional comments.
Do you think our draft policy is clear and easily understandable?	Yes; No. Allow free text box for additional comments.
Do you have any final comments?	Free text box

<p>Housing Act 1996 Section 166A (13) - requires (a) to send a copy of the draft scheme, or proposed alteration, to every private registered provider of social housing and registered social landlord with which they have nomination arrangements, and</p> <p>(b) afford those persons a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposals.</p> <p>Housing Act 1996 Section 168 (3) requires that when an authority makes an alteration to their scheme reflecting a major change of policy, they shall within a reasonable period of time [take such steps as they consider reasonable to bring the effect of the alteration to the attention of those likely to be affected by it].</p> <p>Gov Allocations Guidance - requirement to consult RP's only</p> <p>LGA Public Consultation Guidance - Best practice to consult public on major policy changes for a minimum of 6 weeks (up to 12 weeks)</p>
<p>Consultation to include the revised policy and a document summarising the changes to read and a questionnaire. Each question could relate to a specific change in the policy and a reference to the paragraph and page in the policy were included.</p> <p>Need to use Housing Strategy email address for queries, use social media, press release, write to all existing housing register applicants and print hard copies and make available on request. Consider focus groups? MI to present to health and wellbeing board?</p> <p>When consultation concludes - need to prepare a consultation report that analyses the results; include sample comments.</p> <p>Draft policy may need to go to MAT for approval before going to consultation</p>