



Allocations Policy

Because the Redmire Housing Trust is established to “**provide and manage housing for people in need of affordable housing and related services in the Parish of Redmire**” prospective tenants will need to be able to satisfy the Trust that at least one of the following criteria has been met before any offer of accommodation can be made:

- The applicant, or at least one of the applicants where there is a joint application, currently lives in the village of Redmire or Castle Bolton.
- The applicant, or at least one of the applicants where there is a joint application, has previously lived in the village of Redmire or Castle Bolton for a considerable period of time.
- The applicant, or at least one of the applicants where there is a joint application, has close family members, such as parents, siblings or children currently living in Redmire.
- The applicant, or at least one of the applicants where there is a joint application, works in Redmire or Castle Bolton.

In addition to this the **applicant must be in housing need**.

Definition of Housing Need

An applicant will be deemed to be in housing need if they meet one or more of the criteria below:

- The applicant is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
- The applicant’s current accommodation is overcrowded and they require two or more bedrooms
- The applicant has a serious and enduring illness and their health and/or well-being is significantly compromised by their current home environment

The applicant must demonstrate that this need is best addressed by being accommodated in Redmire because either:

- The applicant has a need to move to Redmire to relieve a proven hardship
- The applicant has a health or well-being issue, which will be removed or improved by moving to or remaining in Redmire
- The applicant’s quality of life will be significantly improved by moving to or remaining in Redmire because of support from family and friends in the village

In addition to these criteria the applicant's financial position must be such that they are unable to afford to live in Redmire or Castle Bolton through buying or renting an available property at current commercial rates.

Please note evidence of finances, savings and current income (Bank Statements & P60) may be requested as part of the application process in order to verify that you meet the criteria.

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Weighting according to the Allocations Criteria (for trustee use only)

It is likely at any given time that a unit of accommodation is to be allocated that one or more applicants will meet the agreed criteria to some degree or other. In this case it is suggested that points are allocated according to the extent to which criteria are met and the applicant with the highest number of points is offered the tenancy.

Each criteria has an allocation of five points to be allocated in accordance with the following system

5 points fully met

4 points mostly met

3 points partially met

2 points met to a limited extent

1 point barely met

0 points not met at all

Criteria	Points allocated out of 5
Local connection	
Currently lives in Redmire or Castle Bolton	
Previously lived in Redmire or Castle Bolton for a considerable time	
Close family member/s live in Redmire	
Works in Redmire or Castle Bolton	
Housing Need	
The applicant has a medical need or health or well-being issue which will be removed or improved by moving	
The applicant's current home is physically unsuitable	
The applicant is homeless or likely to become homeless	
The applicant's current accommodation is too small	
Need to live in Redmire	
The applicant has a problem/hardship that will be ameliorated by moving to/staying in Redmire	
The applicant's quality of life will be significantly improved by moving to /remaining in Redmire because of support from family and friends in the village	
Financial hardship	
The applicant's financial position is such that they are unable to afford to live in Redmire unless they are housed by the Trust.	
TOTAL POINTS	