Information about local connection

Priority is usually given to applicants who have a local connection to Chesterfield Borough Council’s area when we let properties.

An applicant has a local connection to Chesterfield Borough Council’s area if they:

- currently live in Chesterfield Borough Council’s area and have done so for a continuous period of six months or more
- are not currently living in Chesterfield Borough Council’s area but have previously lived in the Borough for at least three out of the last five years
- live outside Chesterfield Borough Council’s area but support or require support from a family member or carer who has been resident in Chesterfield Borough Council’s area for at least six months or more
- are in permanent employment in Chesterfield Borough Council’s area for the last six months. If the applicant works across a number of areas, or works for an employer based out of the borough, local connection will be determined by the employee’s main base of operations. Permanent employment is considered to be a contract with an employer that is not fixed term. Where an employee does not work a regular number of hours per week, they will need to show that they have a regular pattern of work to qualify for a local connection.
- have an accepted homelessness duty with Chesterfield Borough Council

If there are no successful bids from applicants who have a local connection to Chesterfield Borough Council’s area we consider bids from applicants who do not have a local connection.

We consider bids in the following order:

- Local connection to Chesterfield Borough Council’s area then priority date within band A, B+, B, C then D
- Other applicants registered with Chesterfield Borough Council or other Home-Options partner then priority date within band A, B+, B, C then D

For more help and advice:
Visit:  www.home-options.org where there is a ‘need help’ section
Email:  home.options@chesterfield.gov.uk
Phone:  01246 345700
You can also visit the Home-Options Team at On the Move, 73 Low Pavement, Chesterfield, S40 1PB