

APPENDIX TWO: Copy of notice served on properties outlined in Appendix One.



Date: 21 July 2021

Dear Resident,

Consultation on Local Lettings Policies

We are writing to give you the opportunity to express any views you may have about the lettings of vacant flats in your block.

Currently, many of our blocks have age restrictions, mostly for people aged 25 or over, or 40 and over. You currently live in a block with a 25 and over age restriction, which means that anyone below the age of 25 cannot be considered for a vacant property in your block.

Housing law requires that we review these local rules from time to time to ensure that we do not disadvantage any age group by making it more difficult for them to acquire a home. As part of this review we are currently considering removing the 25+ plus age restriction that operates in the block you live in.

Overall, around half of our flats are designated for people aged 25 or above or 40 or above, making it difficult for younger people to rent our properties. Currently around a third of people on our housing register needing a flat are aged 25 or below and over three quarters are aged 40 or below.

Please note that if any of the age rules change this does not mean that any existing tenants must move out – it would just mean that when any vacancies occur we would have a wider group of applicants from which to select a suitable tenant.

If you have any views or suggestions we would like to hear from you, either by:



- e-mailing us at: housing_strategy@sandwell.gov.uk

OR

- by completing the enclosed feedback form below and returning it to the following address:

Consultation on Local Lettings Policies,
Sandwell Council,
Operations and Development Centre,
Roway Lane, Oldbury, B69 3ES

The closing date for you to get back to us about the proposed changes is
Thursday 12 August 2021

**Were you previously aware that your block had a 25+ age restriction:
YES/NO**

**Do you agree with the proposed changes to remove the age restriction?
YES/NO**

**Do you have any views/suggestions? If so please complete in the box
below:**

Your details

Name:

Address:

