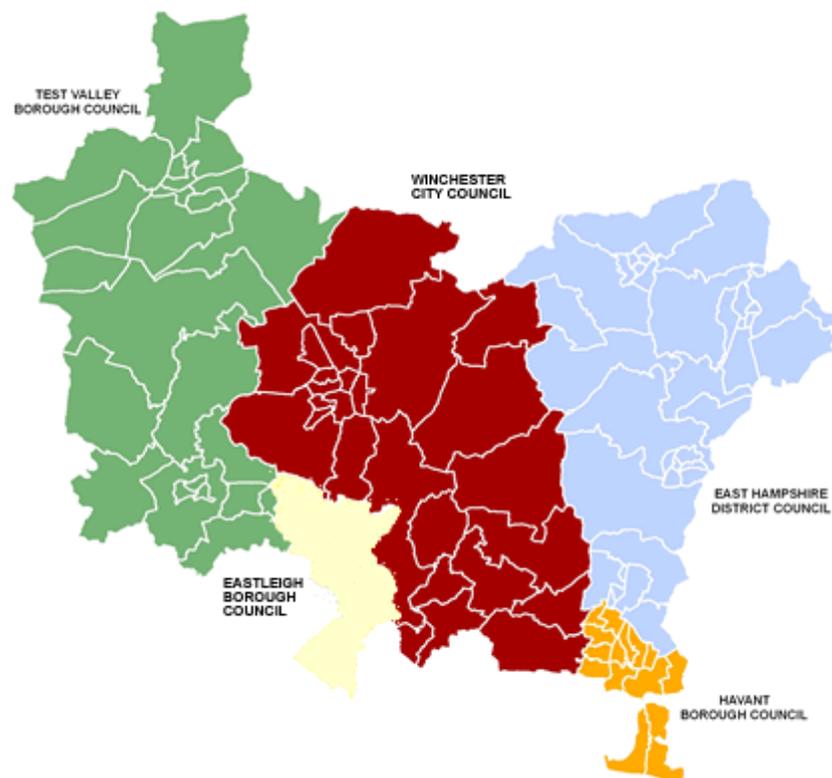




Hampshire Home Choice



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What is Hampshire Home Choice?

Five councils (East Hampshire, Eastleigh, Havant, Test Valley and Winchester) work together to advertise and allocate social housing.

Homes owned by housing associations, Eastleigh Borough Council and Winchester City Council are listed on the Hampshire Home Choice website.

How to Join the Housing Register

You must:

- Be **16 or over**
- Be **eligible** for housing in the UK
- Be a **qualifying person** with a **local connection** (some exceptions)

Apply online:

- www.hampshirehomechoice.org.uk
- Request a paper form from your council.

You must provide:

- ID for everyone on the application
- Proof of your current address
- Any extra information asked for

If accepted, you will receive:

- Your application number
- Your **band** and **priority date**
- The number of bedrooms you qualify for

Tell the council about any changes to your circumstances.

Bidding for Properties

- You can bid for **up to 3 homes per week**
- Homes are advertised **Wednesday–Sunday**

Bid by:

- Online at: www.hampshirehomechoice.org.uk
- Phone: contact the [council](#) handling your application

You can see:

- If you are eligible
- The advert requirements and any preferences for letting the property
- Your **queue position** (this may change)

You can only bid if you meet the advert requirements (e.g., age limits or number of bedrooms etc).

Property Adverts

Adverts show:

- Number of bedrooms
- Whether pets are allowed
- If the home is adapted
- Age limits
- Garden, parking, lift etc.
- Some rural homes require a strong local connection (Section 106).

Advert Symbols



Bedrooms: the number of bedrooms in this property



Adapted: the property is suitable for people with a mobility or adapted need



Own Garden: this property has its own garden



No Garden: this property does not have its own garden



Off Road Parking: this property has off road parking



Pets: pets are allowed in this property



No Pets: pets are not allowed in this property



Minimum Age: at least one household member must be the age shown



Sheltered: this is a sheltered property



Lift: there is a lift in this property



No Lift: there is no lift in this property



Affordable Rent: this is an affordable rented property

If You Are Offered a Home

- After bidding closes, applicants are prioritised in this order:
 1. **Meeting the advert criteria**
 2. **Band**
 3. **Priority date**
 4. **Registration date**
- The top eligible applicant is nominated to the landlord.
- You may not be offered a property if:
 - You don't meet the advert criteria
 - You have rent arrears or legal action pending

If you accept a home, you cannot bid again.

If refused, the home goes to the next person on the list.

You might be asked for more documents before an offer is confirmed.

You will **not** be contacted if your bid is unsuccessful.

Bands (Priority)

Band 1 – Exceptional Need

- Life-threatening health or welfare condition
- Need to move to be discharged from hospital
- Exceptional circumstances

Band 2 – High Priority

- Home is unsuitable due to statutory order
- Social Housing Tenants overcrowded by **2+ bedrooms** living in the HHC sub-region
- Social tenants releasing a needed home by the Council
- Support Housing Panel Move-On

- High health/welfare needs
- Homeless in unsuitable temporary housing

Band 3 - Medium Priority

- Overcrowded by **1 bedroom**
- Homeless applicants
- Lacking or sharing facilities
- Support Housing Panel Move-On
- Medium health/welfare needs
- Private rented tenants
- Right to Move applicants
- Social Housing Tenants living in a bedsit for **2 years** in the HHC sub-region

Band 4 - Low Priority

- Low housing need
- Low health/welfare priority
- Tied/Armed Forces housing
- Owner occupiers needing extra care or sheltered housing
- Currently in prison

If you need help or information in another format (Braille, audio, large print, translated), contact the [council](#) handling your application.