

Position Statement on Housing Need in Relation to Policy FAC2

This short note is produced in reference to the Inspector's request regarding housing need in the village of Fairlight.

As of the 15th May 2018 the number of total live applications on the Housing Register stood at 1,536.

The Allocations Policy priorities rural lets to applicants with a local connection to one of three Parish Cluster groups to include; 'Battle', 'Rye and Rye Rural' and 'Ticehurst'.

The village of Fairlight is part of the Rye and Rye Rural Parish Cluster Group. The need from the Rye and Rye Rural Parish Cluster currently stands at 367 applicants, which represents 24% of the overall register. 51% of housing need is from Rye, with the remaining 49% from Rye Rural, which includes Fairlight village.

From the total 367 cases identified from the Rye Rural Parish cluster group, 36% of this total consist of applicants age 60+, requiring suitable and alternative forms of accommodation, which may include sheltered housing and smaller properties in which to downsize into. In some cases this will provide the added benefit of producing a re-let of social housing for larger family size households to move into.

It is important to note that the housing register is for eligible applicants requiring social/affordable rented tenure only who are assessed in accordance with the eligibility criteria included in the councils adopted Allocations Policy. This does not reflect the wider housing need, to include the many households eligible to apply for low cost home ownership options/intermediate rented as included under the NPPF definition of affordable housing (2019).

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