



## Local Lettings Policy

### 77 A-F Rusling Way, Webb Rise, Stevenage

The properties at the above addresses are one-bedroomed wheelchair-accessible apartments, built over three floors. The properties have been designed to be occupied by people with care and support needs, who can live independent lives in the community, but who require properties that are level access throughout to accommodate physical or other disability.

These properties will be let via a direct let process. Stevenage Borough Council will make nominations to settle and will consider recommendations made by Hertfordshire County Council Community Commissioning Team, whereby applicants will be assessed as suitable for the properties based on the following criteria:

- a) Applicants must be a registered applicant on the Stevenage Borough Council Housing Register, therefore meeting eligibility criteria as defined in the most current Allocations Policy and
- b) Applicants will be given priority to the properties where they have:
  - i. An assessed learning disability and/or autism and/or require care and support to live independently in the community; and
  - ii. An assessed current or projected physical disability that requires a current or future need for an accessible property, including where a person requires the exclusive or intermittent use of a wheelchair or other mobility aid on a permanent basis.
- c) Where an applicant meeting the criteria at b) cannot be found, the Borough Council may nominate an individual who requires an accessible property to accommodate current or future permanent or intermittent wheelchair use or other disability that requires an accessible property in order to allow them to live independently in the community with or without support, in order to prevent, reduce or delay social care or health needs arising;
- d) Where an applicant meeting the criteria above at b) or c) cannot be found, the Borough may nominate an individual with other health needs as defined by the Borough's approved allocations policy;

Where the landlord is notified or become aware of an occupant vacating the property, they will liaise in the first instance, and in line with the agreed letting policy, with Stevenage Borough Council Allocations team to identify a suitable nomination in accordance with the criteria cascade outlined above.