

## **Appendix One - Draft Housing Allocations Policy**

### **6. Special Circumstances**

#### **Allocations on specified sites in neighbourhood areas**

Across Breckland a number of local communities have proactively sought to develop 'neighbourhood plans'. These plans enable local communities to set a vision for the future of their local areas. Breckland Council is keen to support communities that adopt neighbourhood plans that set a positive vision for their local area.

Matters relating to housing provision are often key considerations in the minds of local communities. This is especially the case in relation to affordable housing. In order to meet local housing needs, a number of communities are developing neighbourhood plans that seek to support additional sustainable housing growth, above and beyond that planned for by the local planning authority.

Where a community adopts a neighbourhood plan that facilitates additional housing supply by allocating sites within their neighbourhood plan for housing over and above those sites already allocated by the local authority to meet the district wide need, Breckland Council may, in relation to a percentage of the affordable housing secured on those additional named and allocated sites, give preference to applicants with a local connection to the Parish, subject to the requirement to give reasonable preference as detailed in this policy.

This approach will apply solely to properties on first let and will only be applied where it is supported by corresponding policies within an adopted neighbourhood plan. The percentage of housing and the types will be agreed in conjunction with the landlord and the local authority, taking into account matters relating to local and district-wide housing need, development viability, deliverability and prevailing local and national policy.

Matters of eligibility and priority will be determined in accordance with the full provisions of this allocations policy.