

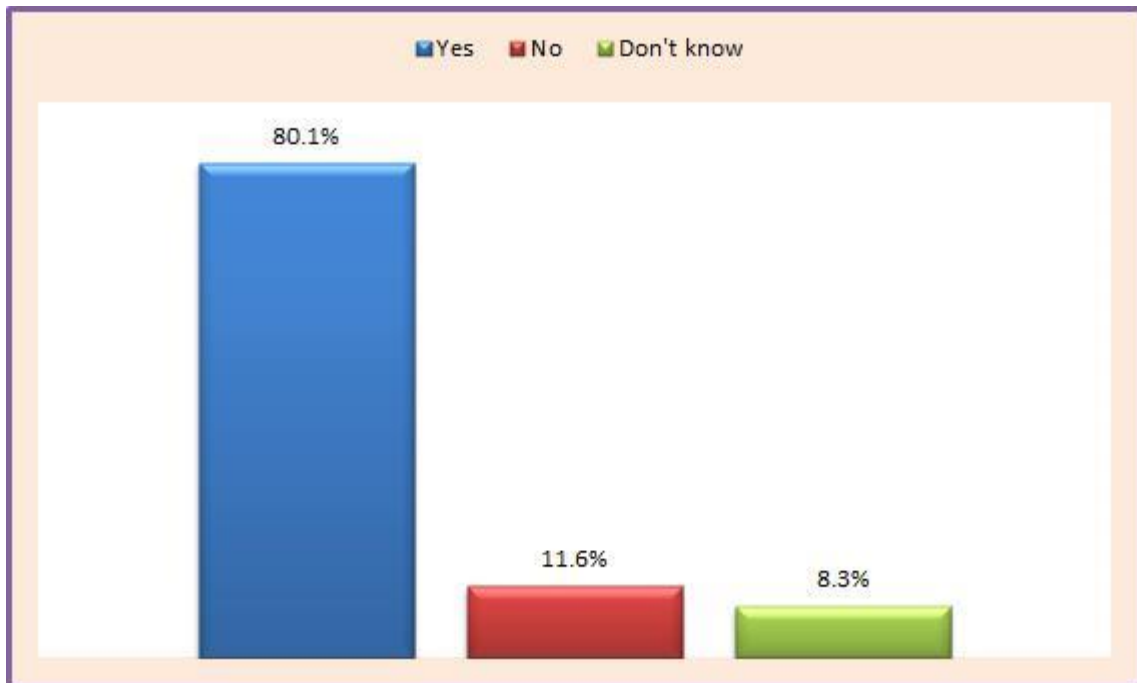
Proposal to alter Allocations Policy allowing for 2 bed Lettings Initiative

We sent the consultation by email with a link to the survey monkey platform. Emails were sent to tenants on our Register of Interested Tenants, Tenant Panel, and Reader Panel along with emails to a random selection of 100 applicants from our waiting list. 437 emails were sent.

A total of 124 responses were received giving a response rate of **28.4%** overall.

The consultation consisted of two questions, the results have been summarised below.

Q1 Do you think allocating a two bedroom property to a single applicant in areas of low demand will help us fill our vacancies?



OTHER (PLEASE COMMENT)

Thank you for your comments, these are being reviewed internally.

Q2 Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding alternatives to a Local Lettings Initiative?

Thank you for your comments and suggestions, these are being reviewed internally.

Summary

Overall we received a good response highlighting a positive outlook towards using a lettings initiative with 80% of respondents in favour of the proposal. However, almost 12% were not in favour of the proposal and 8% did not know.

Respondents left various comments which include both concerns and suggestions. For example, many were happy with the proposal as this would prevent properties sitting empty, maintaining rental income along with providing extra space for those who now work from home or would like more space. Concerns include issues such as increased antisocial behaviour, possibility of illegal subletting and concerns for those who may have to pay bedroom tax. Suggestions include offering short term tenancy agreements for single

applicants who are then rehoused when the correct family sizes are identified, selling hard to let properties, arranging flat sharing for homeless applicants who are happy to share or use properties for transfer applicants as the Association would know their tenancy history.

Outcome of consultation

The feedback will be incorporated into planning changes to the Allocations Policy.