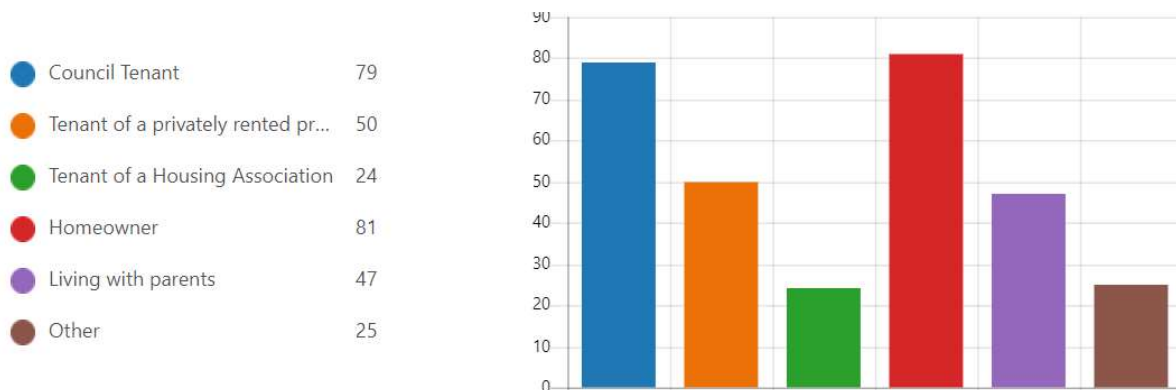
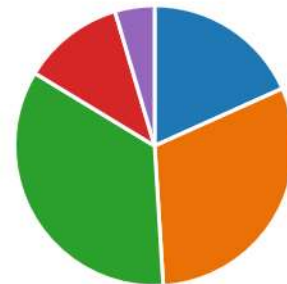
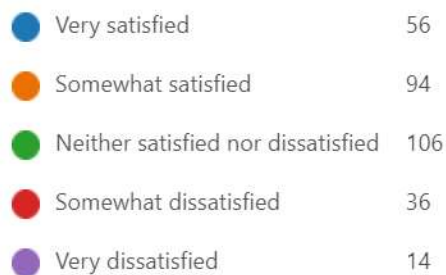


## Consultation Results-

306 people participated in the consultation. The majority was made up of 81 Homeowners and 79 council tenants.



241 of those had read the housing allocations policy and of those, 201 were clear on what points they were eligible for.



Over a 3<sup>rd</sup> were somewhat satisfied with the standard of adverts available on the website, with 106 participants choosing this option. Only 14 were very dissatisfied.

## Should an applicant refuse a property with no valid reason, do you feel their account should be suspended for 6 months?



128 felt that an applicant should be suspended for not proving a valid reason when turning down a property, these people felt that it's not a chance to be picky and if were in need of housing would accept what was given to them.

78 felt that an applicant should not be suspended for 6 months, they felt it should be either reduced or have 3 offers as previous policy has allowed. There was a regular theme for questioning what is considered a valid reason as this is subjective.

100 had no opinion and made no comment.

**Do you think it is reasonable to be removed from the housing register if an applicant has not placed a bid in the last 12 months and there have been suitable properties available?**

● Yes	133
● No	90
● No opinion	83



133 people felt that it was reasonable to remove these applicants and felt that these people were again not in great need of rehousing and were wasting time.

90 participants feel that this is not fair as they may want a property in a certain area and this may not be available for some time. Wanted clarification on what was deemed a suitable property.

83 had no opinion and made no comment.

**Other local boroughs have tiered income thresholds in their allocation policy. Currently, in our policy every household size can earn up to the same amount of £60000, annually. Do you think that this is fair?**

● Yes	73
● No	86
● No opinion	147



73 people felt that a tiered income approach was fair as this would allow lower income households to be rehoused over those who could afford to privately rent or own their home.

86 people did not agree with this stating that an annual income of £60,000 is still not enough to be able to get a mortgage.

147 had no opinion.

**For a single household (one adult), which income threshold do you think should apply?**

● £30,000 annually	115
● £40,000 annually	54
● Should remain the same (£60,000 annually)	99
● Other	38



The top 3 consisted of the following breakdown:

- 115 for £30,000
- 99 for that it should remain the same (£60,000)
- 54 for £40,000

**Following on from the previous question, which income threshold should apply for a family who require a 4 bedroom property?**

£50,000	63
Should remain the same (£60,...	138
£65,000	55
Other	50



The top 3 consisted of the following breakdown:

- 138 for that it should remain the same (£60,000)
- 64 for £50,000
- 55 for £65,000

**Currently the local connection criteria to be eligible to be active on the Housing Register is: A 10 year residency within the borough at some point in their lifetime; Family connection where an immediate family member (parents, children, siblings) has continuously been a resident within the borough for 10 years immediately preceding the date of application; Currently in permanent employment within the borough boundary, consisting of 16 hours a week or more, and which has been continuous for the last 24 months. Do you think 10 years is fair?**

Yes	201
No	65
No opinion	40



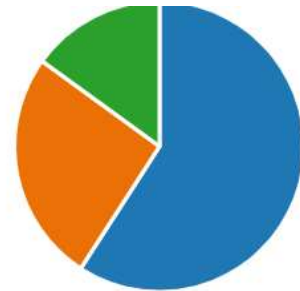
201 participants were happy with our local connection criteria.

65 were not and the average suggested timeframe was 5 years

40 had no opinion.

**Additional local connection criteria apply to certain villages within the borough and applicants with a connection to the specified village are given priority at the shortlisting stage. The eligibility for Village connect is: A 10 year residency within the village at some point in their lifetime; Family connection where an immediate family member (parents, children, siblings) has continuously been a resident within the village for 10 years immediately preceding the date of application; Currently in permanent employment within the village boundary, consisting of 16 hours a week or more, and which has been continuous for the last 24 months. Do you think 10 years is fair?**

● Yes	181
● No	79
● No opinion	46



181 were happy with our village local connection criteria.

79 were not and the average suggested timeframe was 5 years

46 had no opinion.

**Supported Housing is designed for applicants 60 and above. What are your views on Supported Housing?**

The majority of the comments felt positive towards supported housing but were not currently eligible for it. There were mixed views on the ages with some feeling as if there were more under 60's being housed in the schemes and that is not what they had originally signed up for. However, there were also the view that the age should be lowered to 40 in some cases as some people required support at younger ages.

**Do you think it is easy to access Supported Housing accommodation for over 60's?**

● Yes	58
● No	49
● No opinion	199



199 participants had no opinion on this question.

58 felt that it was easy to access

49 felt that it wasn't easy to access

**Do you have ideas that will positively impact the Allocations Policy? (Please do not add comments about your own personal application as it will not be actioned as part of this consultation).**

The majority of participants had no further comment. Looking at the general theme of the suggestions that were made, people felt more should be done to encourage tenants to downsize as they are aware there are a lot of people living in houses that are too large for them.

Comments were also made about the lack of adaptable and 4 bedroom properties. The current policy allows additional bed spaces that then requires larger bedroom properties and our current stock does not reflect this.

Some comments were made on the ability to manipulate the homeless process and that the policy already leans towards assisting this.