

OTLEY ROAD LOCAL OCCUPANCY CRITERIA

The dwelling houses shall not be occupied otherwise than by a **Person with a Local Connection** as his or her Only or Principal Home, or the widow or widower of such a person, and any dependents of such person living with him or her.

An Only or Principal Home is a dwelling house which is occupied continuously for a minimum period of six months in every twelve month period. For the avoidance of doubt the dwelling shall not be occupied as a second home or for holiday letting accommodation.

'Person with a Local Connection' means an individual who before taking up occupation of the dwelling satisfies one of the following criteria:

1. The person has been in continuous employment in the **Locality Defined** for at least the last 9 months and for a minimum of 16 hours per week immediately prior to occupation; or
2. The person needs to live in the **Locality Defined** because they need substantial care from a relative who lives in the Locality Defined, or because they need to provide substantial care to a relative who lives in the **Locality Defined**. Substantial care means that identified as required by a medical doctor or relevant statutory support agency; or
3. The person has been continuously resident in the **Locality Defined** for three years immediately prior to:
 - a. Needing another dwelling resulting from changes to their household, including circumstances such as getting married, divorced, having children or downsizing,
 - b. Undertaking full time post-secondary education or skills training and is returning to the **Locality Defined** within 12 months of its completion, or
 - c. Being admitted to hospital, residential care or sentenced to prison, and are returning to the **Locality Defined** within 12 months of their discharge/release; or
4. The person is a person who:
 - a. Is serving in the regular forces or who has served in the regular forces within 5 years prior to occupation;
 - b. Has recently ceased, or will cease to be entitled, to reside in the accommodation provided by the Ministry of Defence following the death of that person's spouse or civil partner where –
 - i. The spouse or civil partner has served in the regular forces; and
 - ii. Their death was attributable (wholly or partly) to that service; or
 - c. Is serving or has served in the reserve forces and who is suffering from a serious injury, illness or disability which is attributable (wholly or partly) to that service

'Locality Defined' shall mean the administrative areas of the Parishes of:

- Above Derwent,
- Bassenthwaite;
- Bewaldeth and Snittlegarth;
- Blindbothel;
- Blindcrake (area within the Lake District National Park);
- Borrowdale;
- Buttermere and Brackenthwaite;
- Caldbeck;
- Embleton;
- Ireby and Uldale (area within the Lake District National Park);
- Keswick;
- Lorton;
- Loweswater (area within the Lake District National Park)
- St Johns, Castlerigg and Wythburn;
- Setmurthy;
- Threlkeld;
- Underskiddaw;
- Wythop.