## Local connection criteria



Where affordable homes are part of a new build development of properties the Local Connection Criteria is determined during the planning process and is applicable to people wanting to purchase a new home on that development.

Allocation	Allocation of the affordable dwellings for a qualifying person who we consider is in housing need and unable to afford other accommodation in the locality suitable to their and their households needs and who meet the Local Connection requirement. Note that under The Allocation of Housing (Qualification Criteria for Armed Forces) Regulations 2012 persons who meet the required Armed Forces criteria are not required to have a local connection with the Town or County. Please contact to discuss the criteria if you have a connection to the British Armed Forces.
Local connection	"Local Connection" means a Qualifying Person who (Note: Persons with a connection to the town will take precedence): (a) has been permanently resident in the Town or County for at least twelve months immediately prior to advertising and that residence is of their own choice; or
	<ul> <li>(b) has been permanently resident in the Town or County for a continuous period of five years; or</li> <li>(c) has his/her place of permanent work (normally regarded as 16 hours or more per week and not including seasonal employment) in the Town or County immediately prior to advertising; or</li> </ul>
	(d) has a close family connection (normally mother, father, brother, sister, son or daughter) where the family member is currently resident in the Town or County and has been so for a continuous period of at least five years prior to advertising; or
	(e) is in such special circumstances which Cornwall Council considers requires the applicant to reside in the Town or County as appropriate and which is consistent with the Council's Cornwall Homechoice policy as amended from time to time
	"Town" means the town of St Austell together with the Parish of Pentewan Valley within the County
	"County" means the county of Cornwall
	*This information has been taken from the Section 106 Agreement which is a planning condition

If you have any questions regarding the local connection criteria, please get in touch with a member of the Sales team by calling 0800 027 9801 or email newhomes@livewest.co.uk.

