

## Bidding for homes you like



*There is no money involved in bidding. You are just expressing an interest in a property.*

All available housing association properties in West Oxfordshire will be advertised online weekly.

Property details will include the number of bedrooms, rent amount, who the landlord is, and if any restrictions apply, for example, if you need a local connection to a specific area.

You can only bid for properties where you match what the advert asks for so, for example, if a minimum age is given and you are below this age you will not be able to bid.

You can bid for up to three homes each week:

 [www.homeseekerplus.co.uk](http://www.homeseekerplus.co.uk)

## Selecting who gets the property

After the bidding cycle closes, the shortlist will be reviewed and the property will be allocated to one of the applicants. This will be based on:

- Their eligibility for the property
- Their band
- How long they have been waiting for a property



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## If your bid is successful

The housing association will contact you to discuss the property and arrange when you can go and view it. You can decide to accept or refuse the offer when you view the property.

If you refuse three properties then your application may be suspended.



*You will **not** be contacted if your bid is unsuccessful.*

## Your housing application

You will be able to view the outcome of any bids you make on the Homeseekers Plus website.

General feedback on homes that have been let will be published, including the number of bids received on each property, the band of the successful applicant and how long they have waited for a property.

You may find this information helpful when deciding which homes to bid for in the future as it can give you a good idea of how popular a particular property or area is, or if you are likely to have a successful bid or if you should consider other housing options instead.

## For more information

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 **Homeseeker plus**

A new choice based letting  
scheme for West Oxfordshire



## Homeseeker Plus

Homeseeker Plus is a new choice based letting scheme for West Oxfordshire.

It will allow anyone on our housing register to apply for housing association properties anywhere in the District themselves.



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## How the scheme works

From 5 October 2016, the Homeseekers Plus website will list housing association properties online weekly.

Prospective and existing tenants will be banded according to their individual needs, in line with our housing policy, and will be able to register an interest - known as 'bidding' - for the properties suited to their circumstances.

Homeseeker Plus will replace our current housing waiting and transfer lists.



*Inclusion on this scheme does not guarantee an offer of housing.*

## What you need to do

To take part in the scheme you **must** register – even if you were already on the housing waiting or transfer list.

**REGISTER:** Sign-up online **from** 7 September\*

**BIDDING:** Bid for a property online from 5 October 2016

 [www.homeseekerplus.co.uk](http://www.homeseekerplus.co.uk)



*\* We may contact you for further information, or copies of relevant documents, before your registration can be completed.*

If you do not have internet access please call our housing team:

 01993 861010

## Assessment and banding

Once registered, your application will be assessed and you will be placed in one of three bands:

**Bronze:** You want a new home but can wait.

**Silver:** You are threatened with homelessness or are overcrowded, lacking a bedroom or have significant health issues.

**Gold:** You have been accepted as statutorily homeless by the District Council, have an urgent medical need or are downsizing from a family-sized housing association property to a smaller home.

Depending on your circumstances, some of these bands will be time limited.

We will let you know what band you are in and why, and what size home you can 'bid' for. This assessment will be in line with our housing policy.

You will also be sent more information about how to use the Homeseeker Plus website.



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