

Iris Le Feuvre,
La Bercheuse,
La Grande Route,
St Lawrence,
JE3 1NF

27th June 2010

RECEIVED

01 JUL 2011

STATES GREFFE

Dear Mr Millow,

Re Scrutiny review of Social Housing waiting lists

I am writing in response to your recent letter, of the 20th June, and in my capacity as Chair of St Lawrence Sheltered Housing committee. I have taken the opportunity of briefly discussing these matters some members of the committee prior to this response.

We have 12 units of accommodation in the heart of St Lawrence village and are proud of our facilities. We receive very positive responses from our residents whom are all delighted to be able to continue living, with some degree of independence, in the community to which they belong.

In making allocations we consider a number of factors that will include an assessment of an individuals degree of need and this sometimes means that other parishioners, already listed for the allocation of a unit, might need to wait a little longer so that we can always ensure that our accommodation is being used to the maximum benefit of the whole community.

From the attached application form you will see that we always work closely with the Housing Department to ensure that potential residents are residentially qualified and also to ensure that there is no duplication in respect of those seeking social rented accommodation from the Parish, the States or indeed Housing Trusts.

Thus far I am not aware of us having any involvement with the affordable housing gateway and so I am unable to comment about these matters. There would, I believe, be considerable concern if the introduction of new arrangements reduced or removed the discretion that we currently have in making the final allocations as we believe that we are best placed to understand the individual and sometimes competing needs of our Parishioners.

I hope that this response will assist the Scrutiny panel in it's endeavours,

Yours sincerely,

Iris M. Le Feuvre

Iris M Le Feuvre

Chair, St Lawrence Sheltered Housing Committee

PARISH OF
ST. LAWRENCE



SHELTERED HOUSING APPLICATION FORM



The Parish of St Lawrence has 12 one-bedroom units of Sheltered Housing in Le Clos du Sommer adjacent to the Parish Hall. The units are intended for parishioners of retirement age and are let on a three year renewable lease. An Honorary Warden is available on-site for emergencies and guidance.

Accommodation Details

- Tenants are expected to be kind and considerate to their neighbours at all times.
- All of the units are supplied unfurnished and Parish Rates are payable by the tenants.
- Tenants must be residentially qualified under Jersey Housing Law.
- Each unit has a view of the communal gardens.
- A car parking space may be available - an annual fee is payable.
- The accommodation is not suited to Parishioners needing residential or nursing care.
- Pets are not permitted in the units.
- Offers of accommodation are subject to the approval of the Sheltered Housing Committee.

The Sheltered Housing Committee has a policy when making an offer of accommodation as follows:

- To be considered for a unit, an application form must be completed and submitted to the Connétable of the Parish.
- If all of the units are occupied upon receipt of your application, your name will be added to the waiting-list.
- Other than in exceptional circumstances, offers of accommodation will be made in order of priority based on the length of time your name has been on the waiting list and connections to this Parish.
- An offer is subject to receipt of at least one satisfactory character reference at the time of offer and confirmation from States of Jersey Housing Department of residential qualification.
- The offer will always be made in writing and should you decline to accept, your name can remain on the list but will be moved to the bottom of the waiting list.

For further details please contact the Parish Secretary on 861672 or email stlawrence@posl.gov.je.

SHELTERED HOUSING APPLICATION FORM

TITLE (MR/MRS/MISS/MS) FULL NAME OF APPLICANT/S

1.

2.

DATE OF BIRTH/S

1. 2.

CURRENT ADDRESS

.....

.....

DAY TIME TELEPHONE NUMBER/S

.....

WILL YOU REQUIRE A CAR PARKING SPACE?

PLEASE STATE ANY INFORMATION YOU DEEM RELEVANT INCLUDING CONNECTIONS TO THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE:

.....

.....

.....

I/we hereby give my/our permission to the Parish to provide my/our full name, date of birth and current address to the States of Jersey Housing Department. This information is required in order to clarify any duplication in respect of those seeking social rented accommodation from the Parish and Housing Department. I/we understand that by providing this information, my application with the Parish and/or Housing Department will not be effected.

Signed **Date**

Please cut/tear off this page and send form to the Connétable, Parish Hall, La Grande Route de St Laurent, St Lawrence, JE3 1NG.