



**King Street Housing Society**

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## **A GUIDE FOR APPLYING** **FOR HOUSING**

This guide will aim to inform you of:

- The role of King Street Housing Society
- Who is eligible to apply for housing
- How the Society decides who gets priority for offers of housing
- Alternatives housing within the Cambridge City area

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The King Street Housing Society is a non-profit making Friendly Society and registered Housing Association. We aim to provide unfurnished rented accommodation for people on low incomes throughout Cambridge City and surrounding area.

We currently manage over 250 units of rented accommodation on various sites throughout the Cambridge City area. Our housing schemes include Cockcroft Place, Robert Jennings Close, Manor Place, Malcolm Place and properties scattered throughout Cambridge. The majority of our rented properties are either bedsit, one bedroom, and a small number of two bedroom units. The Society is therefore particularly effective in the provision of rented accommodation for young or single adults, other small households.

Applicants are accepted onto our waiting lists according to 'housing need', however the Society also recognises that 'housing need' is not restricted to those whom the Local Authority is able to house. We will therefore consider applications from people not necessarily already accepted onto the Council's waiting list.

**To be accepted onto our waiting lists each applicant will need to consider the following criteria for selection very carefully before requesting an application form. An applicant must:**

- Be over the age of 18**
- Live or work in the Cambridge City area**
- Not have a gross household income exceeding £25,000 per annum.**

**Please do not request an application form if you do not meet these requirements.**

If you satisfy the criteria please request an application form from our office on the address printed at the end of this information sheet. Once you have received an application form please complete all sections of the form. Once completed and returned the Society will invite you for an office interview that will grant us the opportunity to determine more fully your housing need.

**In assessing housing need the Society will give reasonable preference to:**

- People occupying insanitary or overcrowded housing or otherwise living in unsatisfactory conditions;
- People occupying temporary or insecure housing;
- Families with dependent children;
- Households consisting of someone who is expecting a child;
- Households with a particular need for settled accommodation on medical or welfare grounds;
- Households whose social or economic circumstances are such that they have difficulty in securing settled accommodation.

The Society will write to all applicants following the interview to inform them of whether or not they are to be accepted onto the waiting list for permanent rented accommodation.

With only a very small number of properties becoming available for reletting each year we are unable to guarantee you an offer of housing in the short term. Unfortunately, the Society is unable to assist the elderly with suitable rented accommodation, although we are able to offer advice on other options available.

If you are not eligible to apply for housing with the Society you may wish to consider the following options:

- Shared Ownership
- Leasehold for the Elderly
- Homebuy Scheme
- HOMES Nomination
- Mutual Exchange [if already a Council or Housing Association tenant]
- Rent Deposit Partnership

The Society's Housing Management Team will be able to offer you help and advice on these schemes. To contact a Housing Officer please ring 01223 312294.

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### **Useful Addresses and Telephone Numbers**

**King Street Housing Society Ltd**  
**89 King Street**  
**Cambridge**  
**CB1 1LD**  
**01223 312294**  
[info@kingstreeths.org.uk](mailto:info@kingstreeths.org.uk)

Cambridge City Council  
Housing Aid/Needs Department  
Hobson House  
St Andrews Street  
Cambridge  
CB2 3AS  
01223 457000

South Cambridgeshire District Council  
South Cambridgeshire Hall  
Cambourne Business Park  
Cambourne  
Cambridge  
CB3 6EA  
01954 713000

Cambridge Housing Society [Cluster flats]  
Endurance House  
Chivers Way  
Histon  
Cambridge

CB4 9ZR 01223 713555

Citizens's Advice Bureau  
72 Newmarket Road, Cambridge, CB5 8DZ  
08701 264010

Cambridge Independent Advice Centre  
41 Mill Road, Cambridge, CB1 2AW  
01223 712222

Cambridge Cyrenians  
4 Short Street, Cambridge, CB1 1LB  
01223 369125

Wintercomfort for the Homeless  
Overstream House  
Victoria Avenue  
Cambridge, CB4 1EG  
01223 518140

English Churches Housing Group  
222 Victoria Road  
Cambridge, CB4 3LG  
01223 352718

HOMES Mobility Scheme  
242 Vauxhall Bridge Road  
LONDON, SW1V 1AU  
020 7963 0200