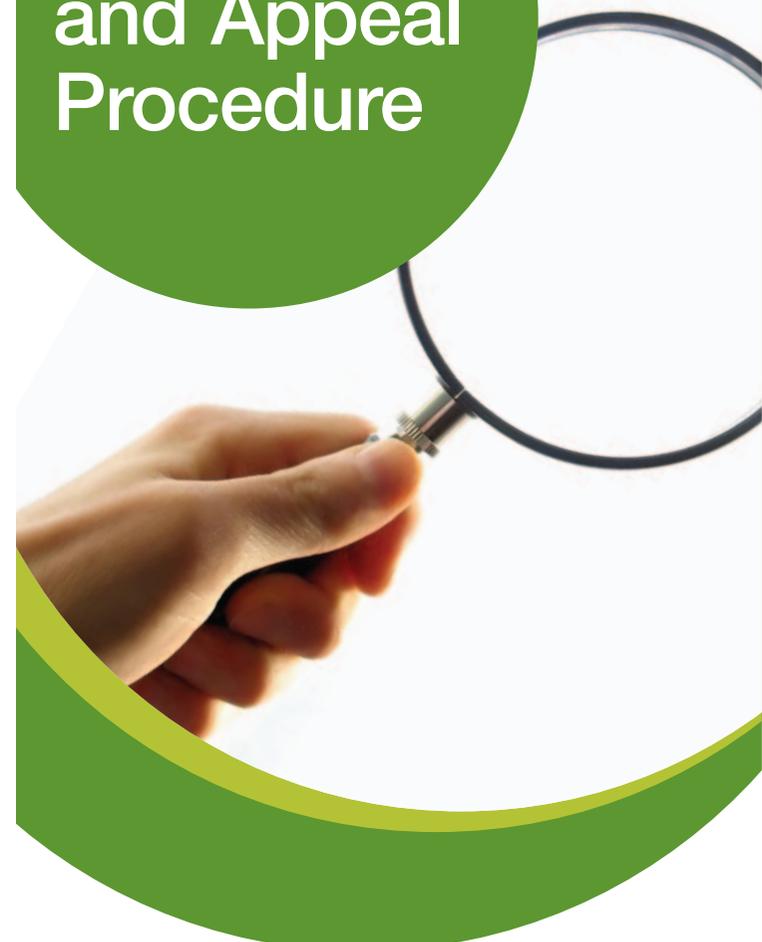




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Review and Appeal Procedure

This leaflet explains how to request a review or make an appeal against one of the following two decisions:

1. Not to include an applicant on the housing register.
2. A decision relating to the Choice Based Letting Scheme, including an applicant's banding or that the applicant feels they have been discriminated against by the letting criteria for a particular property.

An officer, senior to the officer making the original decision and who was not previously involved, will carry out the review, the applicant must make the request within 21 days.



The review request should contain information in support of the appeal and may be made by the applicant themselves or by someone acting on their behalf. Requests should be made in writing or if unable to do so, by telephone, by email to easylet@nshomes.co.uk or by visiting one of our Local Offices.

The Officer carrying out the review will investigate and if further information is needed, invite the applicant to supply this.

Review of exclusion from the Housing Register

An applicant has a legal right to a review under the Housing Act 1996 (as amended by the Homelessness Act 2002) of a decision to exclude them from the Housing Register or treat them as ineligible for an offer of accommodation on the grounds of their immigration status or the habitual residence test.

Written notification of the decision to exclude an applicant from the list must be given to the applicant, together with notification of their right to request a review of the decision within 21 days.

If an applicant requests a review:

- The reviewer will write and confirm the date of the request within 5 working days of the receipt of the request.
- Any further information requested must be submitted in writing within 14 days of the receipt of the confirmation letter from the Reviewer.
- A person who is senior to the officer who took the original decision will review the decision, which must be completed within 28 days of the original request for a review.

The applicant will be notified of the outcome.

If the applicant is not satisfied with the response they receive they may appeal to Newark and Sherwood District Council for a further review, this will be acknowledged within 5 working days.

Appeal - Choice Based Lettings Scheme

In addition to the legal right of review for applicants excluded from the housing register there is a procedure for registered applicants to appeal for the following reason:

1. An applicant who has been demoted to a lower band as a result of a review of their priority.
2. An applicant who feels that their circumstances warrant their application being placed in a higher band.
3. An applicant who was overlooked for an offer of accommodation because of the advertised letting criteria.

If an applicant requests a review:

- The Reviewer will write and confirm the date of the request within 5 working days of receipt of request.
- Any further information requested must be submitted within 14 days of the receipt of the confirmation letter from the Reviewer.
- A person who is senior to the officer who took the original decision will review the decision, which must be completed within 28 days of the original request for a review.

The reviewer will consider all the details and facts known at the time of the review. The applicant will be notified in writing of the outcome. If the original decision is upheld full written reasons for the decision will be given.

If the applicant is not satisfied with the response they may appeal to Newark and Sherwood District Council for a further review, which will be acknowledged within 5 working days.

In either case if, after investigation by Newark and Sherwood District Council, you are still not satisfied you can ask the Local Government Ombudsman to investigate.