

Appendix C: Comparison of existing priority band reasons against new band reasons

Existing Band A	Proposed Band / Band Reason
Homeseeker - Bereaved spouses and civil partners of members of the armed forces, leaving services family accommodation following the death of their spouse or partner where the death was wholly or partly attributable to their service.	Band A - Armed Forces Additional Preference
Homeseeker - Serving or former members of the armed forces or reserve forces personnel who need to move urgently and are suffering from a serious injury, illness or disability which is wholly or partly attributable to their service.	Band A - Armed Forces Additional Preference
Homeseeker - Category 1 hazards which landlord is unable to address within six months including people living in insanitary or unsatisfactory conditions.	Band B - Living in insanitary or unsatisfactory housing conditions
Homeseeker - Short term supported accommodation.	Band B - Medical/Welfare
Homeseeker - High medical or welfare need to move.	Band A - Life threatening illness Band B - Medical/Welfare
Homeseeker - Those who are threatened with homelessness (through no fault of their own) or have no fixed abode.	Band A - Homelessness Prevention Duty Owed
Homeseeker - Overcrowded households according to Welfare Reform Act bedroom criteria.	Band A - Severe Overcrowding Band B - Overcrowding
Homeseeker - Tenants in private rented accommodation where it has been evidenced that the property is unaffordable to them.	Band B - Hardship
Transfer - Overcrowding of a housing association property, according to Welfare Reform Act bedroom criteria	Band A - Severe Overcrowding Band B - Overcrowding

Existing Band B	Proposed Band / Band Reason
Homeseeker - Those who have been accepted as homeless, have a local connection through the housing register allocation policy and have been owed a main homelessness duty by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for a period of more than six months.	Band D - Main Housing Duty owed
Transfer - High medical or welfare need.	Band A - Life threatening illness Band B - Medical/Welfare

Transfer - Transfer applicants occupying an adapted property which is no longer needed.	Band B - Living in insanitary or unsatisfactory housing conditions
Transfer - Transfer applicants who require adaptations to be carried out to their property, where their current home has been deemed unsuitable for adaptations.	Band C - Medical/Welfare need where adaptations are required
Transfer - Under occupation of a housing association property according to Welfare Reform Act bedroom criteria.	Band A - Under-occupation of social housing tenancy
Transfer - Category 1 hazards which landlord is unable to address within six months including people living in insanitary or unsatisfactory conditions.	Band B - Living in insanitary or unsatisfactory housing conditions

Existing Band C	Proposed Band / Band Reason
Homeseeker - Serving or former members of the armed forces or reserve forces personnel who urgently need a suitable adapted property due to a serious injury/ medical condition sustained in service.	Band C - Medical/Welfare need where adaptations are required
Homeseeker - Urgent medical and welfare grounds.	Band B - Medical/Welfare
Homeseeker - Fleeing domestic abuse, extreme violence or harassment. Evidence needed to show urgent risk and that it is safe to live in the borough.	Band A - Survivors of domestic abuse Band B - Medical/Welfare Band D - Homelessness Relief Duty owed
Homeseeker - Made homeless due to disaster, fire, flood.	Band D - Homelessness Relief Duty owed Band D - Main Housing Duty owed
Homeseeker - Housing association tenants outside of the borough who need to move to the borough to take up an offer of employment or training under 'right to move'.	Band C - Hardship
Transfer - Urgent management transfers.	No longer a factor for housing need
Transfer - Urgent medical / welfare grounds.	Band B - Medical/Welfare
Transfer - Fleeing domestic abuse, extreme violence or harassment. Evidence needed to show urgent risk and that it is safe to live in the borough.	Band A - Survivors of domestic abuse Band B - Medical/Welfare Band D - Homelessness Relief Duty owed
Transfer - Need for rehousing as home due to be demolished as part of regeneration programme.	Band A – Regeneration decants

Existing Band D	Proposed Band / Band Reason
Homeseeker - Low medical or welfare issues.	Band B - Medical/Welfare
Homeseeker - Those who have approached the local authority as homeless, whilst the homeless application is pending.	Band A – Homelessness Prevention Band D - Homelessness Relief Duty owed Band D - Main Housing Duty owed
Homeseeker - Those who have been accepted as homeless and in priority need but have been found to be intentionally homeless.	Band B - Living in insanitary or unsatisfactory housing conditions Band D - Homelessness Relief Duty owed
Homeseeker - Those who have been accepted as homeless, are owed a main homelessness duty by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, have been owed that duty for six months or less and for whom a placement into the private rented sector is being sought.	Band D - Main Housing Duty owed
Homeseeker - Those who have been accepted as homeless, are owed a main homelessness duty by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, have no local connection under the Housing register allocation policy and for whom a placement into the private rented sector is being sought.	Band D - Main Housing Duty owed
Homeseeker - Those who have been accepted as homeless, are owed a main homelessness duty by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and have been successfully placed in private rented accommodation.	Band D - Main Housing Duty owed
Homeseeker - Those owed a main homelessness duty by any other local authority.	Band C - Homeless applicants of another Local Authority
Homeseeker - Applicants who have been living in the private rented sector for over five years and have had to move a number of times due to no fault of their own.	No longer a factor for housing need
Transfer - Low medical or welfare issues.	Band B - Medical/Welfare