

## **Arun District Council Policy for Lettings in Rural Parishes (as defined by the Rural Gazetteer 2002)**

To sustain and support rural communities, 100% of all vacancies (including first time lettings of new build homes) in the following rural parishes (as defined by the Rural Gazetteer 2002) will be allocated to applicants who have a substantial local connection with the parish:

Arundel, Findon, Clapham, Houghton, Patching, Slindon, Madehurst, Walberton, Fontwell, Burpham, Wepham, Warningcamp, Lyminster and Crossbush, South Stoke, Climping and Ford.

This will include households from the gypsy and traveller community who have established a connection with the Parish by virtue of resorting to the Parish in accordance with the Parish local connection criteria.

The Parish local connection criteria are one of the following:

- Applicants who have lived in the parish for at least 2 years.
- Applicants who have previously lived in the parish for 3 years out of the last 5.
- Applicants with close relatives generally defined as parents, adult children and siblings who have lived continuously in the parish for 5 years.
- People who have permanent full-time employment or an offer of permanent employment which provides an important service to the local community and who need to live locally to carry out their duties.

Where there are no bids from applicants with a local connection to the rural parish, other applicants may be considered for the property.