

Appendix D – Current and Proposed Banding Systems - ('reasonable preference criteria')

Current Banding System

Level of Need	Homefinder Band	Housing Need Category
Exceptional need	1A	Statutorily Homeless (including National Witness Mobility Scheme)
		Exceptional housing needs due to health difficulties
		Severe Overcrowding – require an additional 2 or more bedrooms
		Tenants of partner housing providers who need to move to enable a redevelopment scheme to go ahead
		Tenants of partner housing providers who are under-occupying a property by 3 or more bedrooms
	1B	Tenants of partner housing providers who are moving to release specialist disabled persons accommodation
		People fleeing violence, harassment or abuse
		Tenants of partner housing providers who are under-occupying a property by 2 bedrooms
		People with an urgent medical need who are also overcrowded
		Extreme Unsanitary conditions causing severe health and safety hazards in the household
Urgent need	2A	Urgent housing needs due to health difficulties
		Short term hostel dwellers
		Housing needs arising from Social and Welfare issues
		Overcrowding – require an additional 1 bedroom
		Housing needs as a result of being a “Looked After Child”.
		Unsanitary/unsuitable conditions affecting the health of the household or causing health and safety hazards
		Tenants of partner housing providers who are under-occupying by one bedroom
Review of Band 1A applicants		
Non-Urgent need	2B	Low level housing needs due to health difficulties
		Households who need to move to a particular locality, where failure to achieve this would cause hardship to themselves or to others.
		Homelessness Prevention and Relief
		Review of Band 1B applicants
	2C	Intentionally Homeless Households
		Homeless households who do not have a priority need
No priority need	3A	No housing need with a local connection
		Housing need but no local connection
	3B	No housing need with no local connection

Proposed Banding System

Level of Need and Homefinder Band	Housing Need Category
Urgent Housing Need Band 1	Statutorily Homeless (Main Housing Duty accepted as homeless household). This also includes the National Witness Mobility Scheme.
	Urgent housing need due to health and/or social care difficulties
	Urgent housing need due to Social and/or Welfare issues (including unsanitary conditions, fleeing violence, moving due to redevelopment, moving to release disabled persons and/or adapted accommodation, Approved fosters carers and adopters who require more appropriate accommodation, Families who are being reunited following the children being returned from the care of Local Authority)
	Coventry Care Leavers who are assessed as tenancy ready
	Tenants of partner housing providers who are under-occupying a property by 2 or more bedrooms
High Housing Need Band 2	People living in named short-term supported accommodation including hostels, and who are assessed as tenancy ready
	Overcrowding – require an additional 2 or more bedrooms
	Homelessness Relief (households at relief duty stage of the Homelessness Reduction Act)
	Tenants of partner housing providers who are under-occupying by 1 bedroom
Medium Housing Need Band 3	Homelessness Prevention (households at the prevention stage of the Homelessness Reduction Act)
	Homeless households who do not have a priority need
	Housing need due health and or social care difficulties
	Housing need relating to Social, Welfare or Hardship issues
	Overcrowding – requires 1 additional bedroom
Housing Need Band 4	Housing need with local connection (including newly forming households – applicants living with friends or family wanting their own accommodation or applicants currently living apart who want to live together, applicants who are or could potentially experience financial difficulty if they remained in their current accommodation, applicants who are currently living together who want to live separately, applicants who are currently living in a property in disrepair)
	Coventry Care Leavers (who are not tenancy ready) or Care leavers with no local connection)
	People living in named short-term supported accommodation including hostels who are not tenancy ready
	Intentionally homeless households
	Housing need - no local connection (exceptional circumstances)
Reduced Preference	Reduced priority status due to unacceptable behaviour or rent arrears
	Households where the main housing duty has ended due to refusal of a suitable offer of accommodation
	Households who have refused 3 offers of accommodation under the Homefinder Policy
	Households in bands 1 and 2 who have not actively bid for suitable accommodation