

UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BDHT END THE HOMELESSNESS DUTY ?

BDHT's duty to provide you with long term accommodation may end for a variety of reasons. For example, the duty will end when you accept an offer of long term accommodation from the housing register or if you refuse a final offer of accommodation without good cause. It may also end if you voluntarily leave or are evicted from temporary accommodation.

If BDHT does decide that it is ending its duty to provide you with long term accommodation you will be given written notification of the reasons why in writing.



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Drop-In: Monday 1.00pm-3.30pm
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This leaflet provides information about what happens once Bromsgrove District Housing Trust (BDHT), on behalf of Bromsgrove District Council, has completed its homeless investigations and accepted a duty to rehouse you.

BDHT will meet your long term housing needs by allocating accommodation from its own housing stock or another housing associations housing stock in the District.

You may be offered either an assured shorthold or assured tenancy.

HOW LONG CAN YOU EXPECT TO WAIT ?

The length of time it takes to find you suitable long term accommodation will depend on:

- The type of accommodation that you need. Some types of property become available for letting more often than others.
- The area you require. Some areas of the District have more housing association properties than others and therefore properties are more likely to become available in these areas. Demand for some areas is greater than others.

Not all housing association vacancies are offered to homeless households, some are made available for existing tenants to transfer into and others are allocated to those on their own waiting lists.

WHAT CHOICE IN HOUSING WILL YOU HAVE ?

Type and Size of Accommodation

As there is a severe shortage of social housing in Bromsgrove. Accommodation will only be allocated to those with an appropriate number of family members to fully occupy the property, unless there are exceptional circumstances that need

to be taken into account. For example a single person will not usually be allocated a two or three bedroom house.

Location of Accommodation

You will not be expected to restrict your areas of choice for accommodation without good reason.

WHAT IF I REFUSE AN OFFER OF ACCOMMODATION ?

If you refuse an offer of accommodation BDHT may decide that it has fulfilled its duties to you in regard to your homeless application. BDHT can only do so if it considers that the accommodation offered to you was reasonable and suitable for you.

You have a right to request a review of any decision made about the suitability of accommodation offered to you. The Review process is explained in the Housing Leaflet No 2 Homeless – Your Right to a Review.

You may also accept the tenancy but still request a review of the suitability of the accommodation.