

Local connection case studies

It is important to note that central admin team do not record declined Housing applications (other than through the post log). Consequently case studies of the impact of the 5 year local connection rule are highlighted through the appeal process; therefore the impact is likely to be greater, as many applicants may not appeal:

Case study 1

A long standing local connection, renting privately, left the family home removing his child due to safety concerns, moved into his father's home temporarily as an emergency solution, in Welwyn, application refused as address was not in Stevenage.

Case study 2

Young single female, born and lived in Stevenage all her life. Moved into a flat share with her friend, this failed after 3 months, so she returned to her family home in Stevenage. Application refused due to this 3 month break.

Case study 3

Older couple with 40 years local connection, following failed home-ownership, moved in with son in Great Ashby for 4 months whilst sourcing a PRS property, then returned to Stevenage. Application denied due to 4 month break.

Case study 4

A teacher with a long-standing local connection, suffering with significant medical need, moved to Letchworth for 4 months due to work. Returned to Stevenage, application denied due to 4 month break.