

Over the last few years, increasing number of parents have asked for support writing letters to support housing applications:

- Insufficient space
- Run down properties
- Far from school and struggle getting buses and getting to school on time – particularly if going to secondary and primary etc

Recent survey where parents of approximately 1/3 of school population responded (affecting approx 100 children)

Existing properties

20% - Whole family share one bedroom

36% - One bedroom for adults and one for children

20% - at least 2 children share a bedroom

15% Children sharing with grandparents or other family members.

Boys and girls sharing rooms and going through puberty.

Parents sharing with toddler/baby or children sharing with toddler/baby

70% of our families surveyed require 3 or 4 bedroom properties.

- Impact on sleep deprivation – ability to focus in class – privacy – mental health -

Other reasons families are looking for properties

- Quality of home – Houses full of damp, uncared for by landlords

3 children – 2 bedrooms. 2 boys and a girl. Damp back to back property. Son with bad asthma. Been waiting for a change in housing for 3 years. No-one seems to take any notice.

Concern about families being uprooted and moved further afield

Women's refuge – left violence/left schools and friends/ build support network – moved away to another area of Leeds – new start again. No support.

Problems

Social Housing list is too long. Ex soldier and in the women's refuge – 160 – 200 on waiting list in our local area.

A parent of child with autism diagnosis – requires 1:1 support. New to the country. Struggled to find a school. Choose Rosebank but needs two buses to get to school each day. No houses near. Uproot the child again?

Parents don't know where they are on the priority list and don't understand why it is taking so long.

No help to access suitable housing

How long waiting?

Other notes from the survey

Problems with getting 3 bed houses near school.

Rent more than £1K for 3 bedrooms and most are for students.

Not enough social housing for people in need. Landlords don't want council bonds

No houses for 3'4 bedrooms come up for families

Not getting any help when they put in requests.

No available properties

Too many student properties

Children sharing bedrooms with grand parents

On a waiting list for bigger house:

Less than 6 months 15%

Less than a year 3%

More than a year 21%

More than 2 years 15%

More than 3 years 46%

Children's survey – Child friendly Leeds

Sharing rooms

Love their school. Passionate about their area. Want better for environment.

Want a residential area that feels like a home rather than a visiting place – less rubbish, more care for wildlife and building a sense of community/

OTHER PRIORITIES

Litter and Graffiti 40%

Dangerous driving 40%

Anti social behaviour 29%

Place for children to play safely

Homelessness

Pests and Rodents due to litter and take aways

Parking near the school

Feeling like the council don't care.