

Policy Name:	Right to Return
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Reason for change:	Review (no material change)
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APPROVAL PROCESS FOR CURRENT VERSION

Presented to:	Services Committee
Date:	March 2012
Decision:	approved

1. Policy

If the block they live in is being demolished because of a regeneration scheme, Poplar HARCA tenants have a ‘right-to-return’ to a new build home on the estate.

One offer of a new build home on the estate that meets the housing need¹ of the household at the time of the offer will be made.

If there are fewer of a type or size of home available than meets the demand, priority will be determined by the lettings policy at the time of the offer, with length of tenancy at the demolished block being the final determinant.

If a household changes its mind about returning to the estate having said they do not want to, an offer will be made only if suitable are homes available once all other lettings commitments have been discharged.

2. Policy review

Policies are reviewed every 5 years, or sooner if they no longer reflect best practice.

3. Impact assessment

How does the policy contribute to Poplar HARCA’s aims?	Facilitates regeneration and choice; protects tenants’ interests; and acknowledges the value of local community.
Which group(s) of people will benefit from the policy?	Tenants affected by regeneration who want to stay on the estate. As the ‘right’ is available to all existing Poplar HARCA tenants , no group will be disadvantaged.
How have residents been involved in developing policy?	Bow Bridge Estate Board initiated the policy, subsequently consulted on with JEP and approved by Services Committee.
How will the policy be monitored and measured?	n/a
If any, what are the Value for Money implications?	There will be additional costs for 2 sets of moving costs , but this is offset by facilitation of the regeneration scheme.

¹ As set out in the lettings policy at the time of the offer