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Elected Member

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Dear Cllr Bennett-Sylvester

Question at Council – Wednesday 22nd April 2026

Thank you for your supplementary question raised at Council on 22nd April 2026 where you asked if the Housing Service could look at how long it took to let properties on older estates that had limited parking and how many bids went in for them. You were concerned that older estates would be left behind.

I can advise that Rotherham operates a Choice Based Lettings scheme, which allows applicants to bid for available properties that best meet their individual needs and preferences, including location, property type and local amenities. As bidding is driven by applicant choice, it is not possible to directly quantify or isolate the impact that specific factors such as limited parking may have on the number of bids received for individual properties.

However, refusal data can provide some indication of applicant concerns. Between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026, there were three recorded refusals of properties where the reason cited was “no car parking”.

Within your ward, the areas of Thrybergh and Dalton do not currently have any long-term void properties. This indicates that homes in these areas, including those on older estates, continue to be in demand and are being successfully let.

Overall performance data shows that during the 2025/26 financial year, the average re-let time across the borough was 31 days, demonstrating that properties are generally being re-let promptly and that older estates are not being disproportionately left behind within the lettings process.

The Housing Service will continue to monitor lettings and refusal data across all areas to ensure equitable outcomes and to identify any emerging issues that may require further consideration.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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