

Applying for a home with a different provider

When looking for a new home, you can choose to remain with Irwell Valley Homes or you can also apply for a home with another provider. Both applications can run at the same time; by applying for both, you may be offered a new home sooner.

We've put together some information here about the process if you want to register with Tameside Council or Jigsaw Homes, the other social landlords working in Tameside.

Registering with another provider

If you need any support with your application to Tameside Council or Jigsaw, just let us know. Once you are registered, please make sure you let us know your application reference number as soon as you receive it. This is important because it:

- Ensures you receive the highest priority band available to regeneration customers.
- Backdates your registration date to May 2026 (when we shared our plans for the high-rises).

How homes are allocated

Tameside Council and Jigsaw use a banding system to decide who receives housing priority.

Band 1 is the highest priority. We have agreed with them that all high-rise residents will receive this priority banding. Applicants are then matched to homes that meet their household's needs

Homes are usually offered to the applicant who:

1. Is in the highest priority band
2. Has been waiting the longest
3. Is suitable for the property

The only exception is where a property has been specially adapted for a disabled person.

What size home will they offer?

As part of the regeneration programme, Irwell Valley Homes has committed to providing a home which offers a like-for-like number of bedrooms compared to your current home, if this is what you wish.

Tameside Council and Jigsaw will allocate homes based on housing need and their own allocation policies. This means any home you are offered by them might be different in size compared to where you live now. If you wish to stay in a 2 bedroom home but only have a one bedroom need, you are more likely to get this from Irwell Valley Homes.



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How long is the Tameside Council waiting list?

It is around 18 months for households in band 1 waiting for a 2 bedroom home. By being registered on their list, it means that if we have not found you a suitable alternative home for you by this time, you will be close to the top of their waiting list. Tameside Council allocate their homes to applicants in the highest band who have been waiting the longest.

We're here to help

If you have any questions, concerns or need help with your application to Tameside Council or Jigsaw Homes just get in touch.

Call by at the Oasis Tuesday to Thursday between 10am and 4pm, email haughtongreen@irwellvalley.co.uk or call us on 0300 561 1111. There are computers available to use at the Oasis if you need them for your application.

If you know you want to stay with Irwell Valley Homes, you don't need to apply to Tameside Council or Jigsaw Homes.