

# What type of tenancies are available?

The social housing advertised on Keyways could either be owned by a Council or a Housing Association. These may each offer different types of tenancies. It is important that you consider the type of tenancy being offered and ensure that the tenancy will meet your needs before you place a bid on an available property. This information should be contained within the property details of the advert.

The typical types of tenancies offered by Kettering Borough Council and by the various Housing Associations that operate within Kettering borough are summarised in the table on the following page. Should you require more information about the types of tenancies offered, please contact the Housing Options Team for your area in either Corby, Kettering or Wellingborough.

Please note that if you are an existing social housing tenant and are transferring or exchanging properties from a Council secure tenancy or a housing association assured tenancy, in some cases you will be able to keep your current tenancy if you move to another council or housing association property. Please check with your landlord first for further information.



Tenancy Type	Landlord	Tenancy Length	Generally offered to:
<b>Introductory tenancy</b>	Kettering Borough Council	12 months. Automatically becomes a Flexible Fixed Term tenancy after 12 months as long as there is no application to the court for a possession order.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ All New tenants for the first 12 months in a new tenancy.</li> </ul>
<b>Flexible Fixed Term tenancy</b>	Kettering Borough Council	5 years in most cases or 2 years in exceptional circumstances. Generally renewed unless there is a change in household circumstances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Single households/couples.</li> <li>◆ Families including single parent households. (Fixed term usually renewed until the youngest child reaches 18)</li> <li>◆ Households needing adapted properties. (Fixed term usually renewed whilst the household requires the adaptations within the property).</li> </ul>
<b>Flexible Fixed Term (Lifetime) tenancy (for sheltered and elderly)</b>	Kettering Borough Council	Lifetime.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Elderly (Over 60s).</li> <li>◆ Households moving to sheltered housing.</li> </ul>
<b>Starter tenancy</b>	Registered Provider (housing association)	12 months. Usually automatically becomes a Fixed Term tenancy after 12 months if the Starter Tenancy is conducted satisfactorily.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ New tenants for the first 12 months in a new tenancy.</li> <li>◆ Households with a history of anti-social behaviour.</li> <li>◆ Households with a history of arrears or debt issues.</li> </ul>
<b>Fixed Term tenancy</b>	Registered Provider (housing association)	5 years in most cases. Generally renewed unless there is a change in household circumstances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Single households/Couples.</li> <li>◆ Families including single parent households. (Fixed term usually renewed until the youngest child reaches 18).</li> <li>◆ Households needing adapted properties. (Fixed term usually renewed whilst the household requires the adaptations within the property).</li> </ul>
<b>Assured Short-hold tenancy</b>	Registered Provider (housing association)	Can vary, usually from 6 months to up to 3 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Households living in former intermediate housing, Rent to Homebuy or key worker accommodation.</li> <li>◆ Households with limited leave to remain in the UK.</li> </ul>
<b>Assured tenancy</b>	Registered Provider (housing association)	Lifetime.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Households moving to sheltered accommodation.</li> <li>◆ Current housing association tenants who already have a secure or assured tenancy.</li> </ul>