## How To

## Bid for Properties on Darlington HomeSearch



Please note you will not be able to bid until your application is live, for this to happen you must fully complete the application form and upload any supporting documents. You will be told what documents to provide on your summary page. The Allocations team at Darlington Borough Council will then need to review your account and assess your banding before you can place a bid.



• Step 1 – After signing in tap on the link or left click with your cursor on the "Search for a home" button.

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| Hello                      |  |            |                 |
|                            |  |            |                 |
| What would you like to do? |  |            |                 |
|                            | Housing register                           |            |                 |
|                            | Search for a home                          |            |                 |
|                            | View saved searches                        |            |                 |
|                            | Notifications                              |            |                 |
|                            | My Account                                 |            |                 |
|                            | Need some more information?                |            |                 |
|                            |  |            |                 |
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 Step 2 – You can browse properties, but it is easier if you select "Only show me adverts I may be eligible for". You can do this by tapping or left clicking with your cursor.

| Search for homes to rent                        | Search distance                            | Rent (6) per month                     | Number of beds           |             |                                      |
|---|--|--|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Enter a place or postcode     x                 | Any ~                                      | Min v to Max                           | <ul> <li>Min </li> </ul> | to Max 🗸    |                                      |
| Keywords<br>Keywords<br>Advanced search options | Only show me adverts I may be eligible for |  | Clear all                | Save search |                                      |
| View as<br>Grid List Q Map                      |  | Sort by Date added (most recent first) |                          |             |                                      |
| Results: 9                                      |  |  | 0 @                      |             |                                      |
|   |  |  |                          |             |                                      |
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 Step 3 – Once you have found a property tap or left click with your cursor "View Details" for more information on the property and the option to place a bid.





• You can see some key facts about the property (such as how many bedrooms the property has, details of any charges for the property, how people have currently applied, etc.) in the information box on the right hand side

| Organisation  |
|---|
| This property is being advertised by Darlington Borough Council   |
| Key facts         House         1 bedroom         Closure date 30th May 2023 at 23:05         6 People applying         Social housing: Local authority         Available to let from 19th May 2023 (date is estimated and subject to change)         Charges         Rent £100.00 Weekly         Total: £100.00 Weekly         Letting details         Essential - Household requires 1 bedroom property         Essential - Family Type Household |
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• Step 4 – Once you are happy with your selection tap or left click with your cursor on the "Place bid" button. Place bid Print Property information Map view Features DARLINGTON Borough Council

 Step 5 – The following screen will ask you to confirm that your details are correct. If you are happy with this then tap or left click with your cursor on the "Save" button.

| Confirm bid  |  |  |   |
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| There are currently 4 customers that have expressed interest in this a interest.   | dvert. Based on the allocations criteria for the advert yo | ou are currently in position 5 of 5. Please note that the advert is avai | railable until 30/05/2023 23:05 so your position may change as more customers express |
| Please confirm your contact details are correct before placing your<br>If you need to change your email address, please go to the <u>change</u><br>Home phone number | bid.<br>email address page                                 | Mobile phone number  |   |
| Home phone number Work phone number Work phone number  | OK to call on? Yes No 🔘                                    | Mobile phone number Email address  | OK to email? Yes No   |
| Preferred contact method Email   |  |  | (Save )   |





• Step 6 – Once the bid has been placed a brief confirmation will appear on the screen.

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| Lingfield Green, Darli | ington, DL1 1DD                 | Contact details up to date  Contact details up to date  Your bid has been placed on this <sup>×</sup> advert. |  |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Ref<br>AutoB1          | Letting type<br>General Letting | Organisation<br>This property is being advertised by D  | arlington Borough Council  |
|                        |                                 |   | Key facts         House         I bedroom         Iclosure date 30th May 2023 at 23:05         Social housing: Local authority         Available to let from 19th May 2023 (date is estimated and subject to change) |
|                        |                                 |   | <b>DARLINGTOR</b><br>Borough Council   |

Step 7 – To view any properties you may have bid on tap or left click with your cursor on the "Housing register" button from the home screen.

| Hello Test                 |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| What would you like to do? |  |
|                            | Housing register   |
|                            | Search for a home  |
|                            |  |
|                            | View saved searches  |
|                            | View saved searches           Notifications  |
|                            | View saved searches       Notifications       My Account   |
|                            | View saved searches       Notifications       My Account       Contact us  |
|                            | Selection a none         View saved searches         Notifications         My Account         Contact us         Need some more information? |



• Step 8 – Scroll down to "View my bids" then tap or left click with your cursor.





Step 9 – Any bids you have made will show here and you can remove bid or see where you are on the shortlist from this screen too. You can do this by tapping or left clicking with your cursor on the relevant button.

## Bids

| Current homes/services/facilities applied for |   |                |               |                  |  |  |
|---|---|----------------|---------------|------------------|--|--|
| Property reference                            | Property address                            |                |               | Date of interest |  |  |
| AutoB1  | Lingfield Green, Darlington, Co. Durham, DL | .1 1DD         |               | 23/05/2023       |  |  |
| Landlord                                      | Policy                                      | No of bedrooms | Property type | Added by         |  |  |
| Darlington Borough Council                    | Darlington General Needs Policy             | 1              | House         | Customer         |  |  |
| Actions                                       |   |                |               |                  |  |  |
| Remove bid Calculate shortlist position       |   |                |               |                  |  |  |

Previous homes/services/facilities applied for



Step 10 - If you choose to view the shortlist on any properties you may have bid on, you can see your status and position on the list here (please note this may change if someone with a greater housing need also bids on the property).

| Previous homes/services/facilities applied for |   |                  |  |                          |  |
|--|---|------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| Property reference                             | Property address                                    | Status           |  | Final position on advert |  |
| 4 Bed  | 1 Allan Street, Darlington, Co. Durham, DL1 2NR     | Offer made       |  | 1                        |  |
| Landlord                                       | Policy  | Date of interest |  | Added by                 |  |
| Darlington Borough Council                     | Darlington General Needs Policy                     | 25/04/2023       |  | Officer                  |  |
| No of bedrooms                                 | Property type                                       |                  |  |                          |  |
| 4  | House   |                  |  |                          |  |
|  |   |                  |  |                          |  |
| Property reference                             | Property address                                    | Status           |  | Final position on advert |  |
| 017  | 169 Welbeck Avenue, Darlington, Co. Durham, DL1 2DQ | Bypassed         |  | 1                        |  |
| Landlord                                       | Policy  | Date of interest |  | Added by                 |  |
| Darlington Borough Council                     | Darlington General Needs Policy                     | 25/04/2023       |  | Officer                  |  |
| No of bedrooms                                 | Property type                                       |                  |  |                          |  |
| 4  | House   |                  |  |                          |  |
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