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Thank you for your email 13.02.09

The figures which I have given you are available to the public and you are free to use them in your article.

It is important however to point out a few things:

In terms of the 38 applicants who live outwith the Ballater area, 19 are from within the Marr area and a further 3 are from within Aberdeenshire, so of the 97 applicants 18 are from outwith Aberdeenshire; applicants may have applied to live in Ballater for a number of reasons which may include returning to the area to provide support or employment reasons for example, so whilst they may not live locally they may well have a 'local' connection with Ballater.

Allocations are based primarily on housing need however it is important to note that regarding the relets of council stock within Ballater which became available during the period April 08 - January 09 63% were allocated to applicants currently residing within the Ballater area, 25% within the Marr area and 12% from within Aberdeenshire.

Aberdeenshire's application form for housing currently states that applicants are required to pick a minimum of 5 areas of choice - this may mean that applicants living within the local area of Ballater for example Logie Coldstone have chosen Ballater as an area of choice as it is local to their first area of choice.

I have enclosed for your information links to our application form and allocations policy summary to give you an overview of the allocations policy

<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/councilhousing/apply/HousingApplicationForm.pdf>

<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/councilhousing/apply/AllocationPolicySummaryJune2008.pdf>

I hope the above is useful, however please feel free to contact me should

you require any further information

Regards

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