

Local connection and financial capability tests

Local connection test

You meet the local connection test, if you have or your partner:

- has had their only or principal home in the Cotswold District for a continuous period of three years immediately before applying
- has previously had their only or principal home in the Cotswold District for a continuous period of five years
- has had their main place of work in the Cotswold District for twelve months immediately before applying
- has family members (only including grandparents, parents, siblings or adult children) who live in the Cotswold District and have done for a continuous period of five years
- are in the service of the regular armed forces of the Crown (defined in section 374 of the Armed Forces Act 2006) or have left regular service within the past five years immediately before applying.

Financial capability test

You meet the financial capability test if you can:

- identify the approximate amount of land that would be needed to accommodate the size of property you are looking for in the area you are interested;
- indicate the approximate cost of such a site on the open market and give examples of recent comparable market sales within the District or a confirmation letter from a registered valuer;
- evidence how you intend to fund the project.