

Parish of St Martin

The Le Court Clos “H” Trust & The Parish of St Martin Sheltered Housing Trust

Advice Sheet

Le Court Clos, St Martin is a complex of 27 homes that are administered by one of two Trusts. The Le Court Clos “H” Trust was established in 1981 and comprises of 6 homes and the “Parish of St Martin Sheltered Housing Trust” was established in 2001 and comprises the remaining twenty-one homes.

Le Court Clos is situated off La Longue Rue, St Martin and although often referred to as a “sheltered housing” the residents do not have a resident caretaker, warden or nurse to oversee the complex. It is however a close knit community where neighbours tend to support each other as and when the need arises. One of the residents maintains details of the next of kin for each of the residents and also holds details of their individual medical practitioners. Each home has an easily maintained garden but a number of the residents occasionally employ a gardener. The communal garden areas are maintained through the Trusts.

Enquiries are received on a regular basis at St Martin’s Public Hall from people seeking information about parish sheltered housing, whether they fit the criteria for the conditions of the Trusts and if so, seeking information as to the application procedure. These notes have been prepared to assist those who may be facing an immediate housing problem and who would like to move into accommodation at Le Court Clos as soon as possible but also for others who may wish to be considered for a home at some future date.

The Trustees are bound by the Clauses of the Trust. These are quite specific for both Trusts. One Trust is tasked to provide homes for “**elderly**” residents **who have been resident in the Parish** and the other is for **those who were born in the Parish or who have “long residence within the Parish” and who are “elderly, impoverished, infirm or disabled”**.

Although there are likely to be many who would like to be offered a home at the Le Court Clos complex the constitution of the Trusts simply do not allow this to happen and such applications will be declined.

Tenancy information is available from the Parish Secretary but the most usual queries relate to smoking (smoking is not permitted in the homes), parking (each home has one parking space and there are visitor spaces as well as nearby parking) and whether pets are allowed (each application is taken on its merits but normally allows those who have a small dog or cat before they move to the complex to retain that animal. The rents for all the homes are identical and rise annually in line with the Retail Price Index. Tenants are responsible for their electric and water bills as well as payment of “occupier rates”.

Many of the original residents remain at Le Court Clos as few vacancies arise. The Trustees review the waiting list each and every time a vacancy arises. The circumstances and housing urgency for each applicant is assessed at that time. The Trusts maintain a record of applicants and there has always been a “waiting list”.

An application form is attached to this information sheet. If you wish to apply then please complete and forward, under **confidential cover**, to “The Le Court Clos Trustees”, c/o St Martins Public Hall, Rue de la Croix au Maitre, St Martin, JE3 6HW.

Thank you.