

Social rented housing turnover, registers and lettings

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Chapter 17. Social rented housing turnover, registers and lettings

17.1 Summary

- Only two of the local authorities in the Cambridge sub-region currently manage their own social rented housing stock – Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire.
- In most districts between 12% and 16% of the total dwelling stock is socially rented. The proportion is higher in Cambridge City – almost a quarter of properties in the city are social rented.
- Social stock annual turnover is around 5% to 6% each year across the sub-region as a whole. This is similar to the rate of turnover for private stock.
- Around 16% of households on housing registers require a home with three or more bedrooms. This has increased from 14% in 2001.
- For 60% of households who have recently moved into a social rented property the HRP is aged between 19 and 39.
- 43% of households include at least one child. Around half of lets in Cambridge City were to single people.
- A third of social lettings in 2008/9 were to people who were moving from another social rented property.
- The most common reason for leaving the previous home was seeking independence followed by overcrowding.

17.2 Introduction

This report examines social rented housing in the Cambridge sub-region. The first section looks at social stock turnover over a five-year period from 2001 and 2008. The second section looks at housing needs registers and the type of properties sought by size (number of bedrooms). The final section looks at new RSL lettings from April 2007-March 2008, and provides details on household structure, the age of the head of household, previous tenure and reason for leaving the last settled address.

Social housing in this report means properties owned and managed by local authorities (LA) and registered social landlords (RSL). South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City own their own stock and the other districts have transferred stock to RSLs (see Table 1, below).

Chapter 11, *Dwelling profile and occupation* sets out the dwelling stock overall and numbers of homes in each tenure as at March 2009.

Table 1. Districts who manage their own housing stock, 2009

| | LA manage own stock | Date of LSVT | Transfer landlord |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Cambridge City | Yes | N/A | |
| East Cambridgeshire | No | 1993 | Sanctuary Hereward |
| Fenland | No | 2007 | Roddon's |
| Huntingdonshire | No | 2000 | Luminus |
| South Cambridgeshire | Yes | N/A | |
| Forest Heath | No | 2005 | Flagship |
| St Edmundsbury | No | 2003 | Havebury |

17.3 Data sources

Data in this report is taken from a number of different sources. Information on stock turnover and housing needs registers is taken from the Housing Strategy Statistical Appendix (HSSA) which is held on the CLG website¹. Local authorities complete this return for the CLG. It contains information for local authority housing and RSLs. The HSSA form was changed in 2009, so some of the information has not been updated to 31 March 2009. Where this changes affects the SHMA we may have used the 31 March 2008 data to continue to provide the available data even if a little older.

Information on household structure, previous tenure and reasons for leaving previous accommodation is taken from CORE (Continuous Recording)². This report focuses on general needs lettings, but CORE also provides information on supported housing. CORE is funded by the Housing Corporation and DCLG and managed by the Centre for Housing Research at the University of St Andrews. CORE is a mandatory scheme for all RSLs who manage more than 250 homes, but is voluntary for organisations that manage fewer than 250 units.

Choice Based Lettings (CBL) was introduced sub-regionally in Feb 2008 in all districts except Fenland when it was launched in November 2008.

17.4 Social Stock Turnover

Table 2 and Fig 1 show HSSA data to the end of March 2008, as described above.

Table 2. Change in social rented housing stock 2001-2008

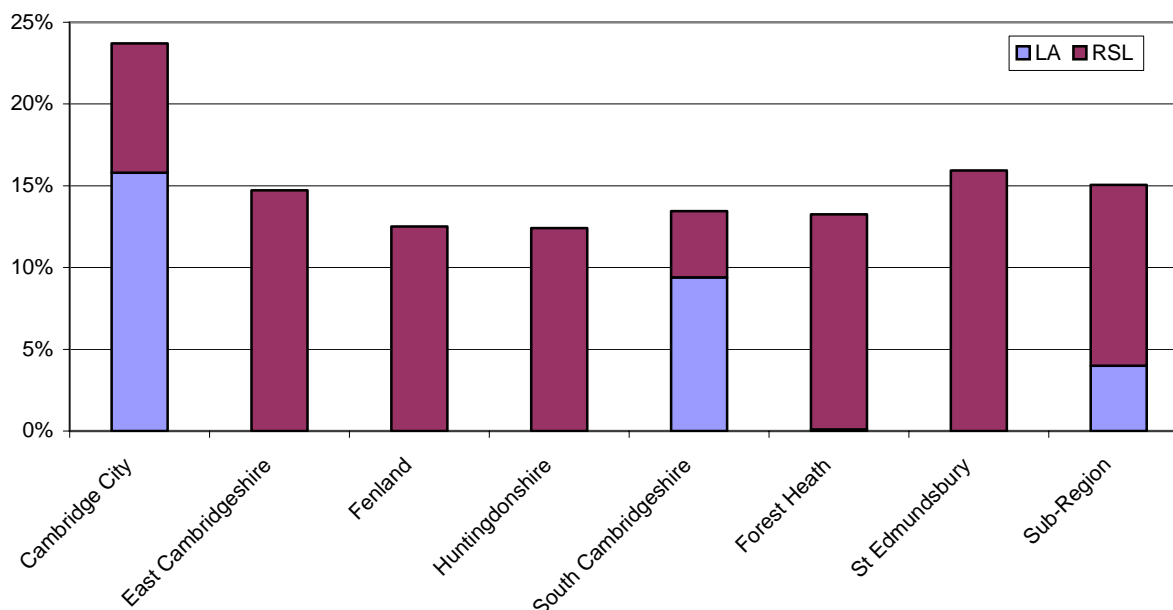
| | 2001-02 | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cambridge City | 10,951 | 11,544 | 10,862 | 11,265 | 11,126 | 11,896 | 11,049 |
| East Cambridgeshire | 4,510 | 4,610 | 4,811 | 4,478 | 4,667 | 5,014 | 4,914 |
| Fenland | 5,006 | 4,936 | 4,881 | 4,974 | 5,002 | 5,041 | 5,196 |
| Huntingdonshire | 8,996 | 8,407 | 8,435 | 8,400 | 8,442 | 8,503 | 8,637 |
| South Cambridgeshire | 7,210 | 7,228 | 7,633 | 7,563 | 7,803 | 8,136 | 7,932 |
| Forest Heath | 3,401 | 3,313 | 3,228 | 3,149 | 3,184 | 3,510 | 3,627 |
| St Edmundsbury | 7,236 | 7,384 | 7,388 | 7,400 | 7,238 | 7,366 | 7,393 |
| Sub-Region | 47,310 | 47,422 | 47,238 | 47,229 | 47,462 | 49,466 | 48,748 |

Source: HSSA 2001/2 to 2007/8

¹ <http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1501098>

² <http://www.core.ac.uk/core/hala-annual-reports.html#la>

Fig 1: Social rented stock as % of all dwellings



Source: HSSA 2007/08

In most districts, between 12% and 16% of properties are socially rented. In Cambridge City, this is significantly higher at 24%. Renting from a social landlord is the second largest tenure across the sub-region after owner occupation as shown in Chapter 11, *Dwelling profile and occupation*.

Table 3 looks solely at social rented stock. Other affordable tenures such as intermediate rented and shared ownership are included in Chapter 11, *Dwelling profile & occupation*, Table 1).

Table 3. Total social lettings (excluding transfers and new build), 2001/02 to 2008/09

| | 2001/02 | 2002/03 | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Cambridge | 495 | 614 | 657 | 704 | 704 | 239 | 471 | 656 |
| East Cambridgeshire | 236 | 207 | 255 | 345 | 241 | 275 | 400 | 212 |
| Fenland | 435 | 490 | 393 | 334 | 448 | 523 | 443 | 322 |
| Huntingdonshire | 487 | 577 | 517 | 453 | 532 | 407 | 387 | 341 |
| South Cambridgeshire | 347 | 309 | 212 | 347 | 237 | 248 | 269 | 349 |
| Forest Heath | 160 | 219 | 197 | 46 | 131 | 100 | 258 | 243 |
| St Edmundsbury | 426 | 256 | 399 | 269 | 370 | 346 | 390 | 241 |
| Sub Region | 2,586 | 2,672 | 2,630 | 2,498 | 2,663 | 2,138 | 2,618 | 2,364 |

Source: HSSA 2001/2 to 2008/9

Table 4 (below) is used in the calculation of affordable need. It shows the total number of RSL and Local Authority homes which are re-let each year in each district. The table does not include lettings of newly built social rented properties. Figures on lettings to new build are included in Appendix 1.

Transfers within or between RSLs are not included and the number of local authority tenants transferring into RSL properties from 2002/03 onwards is also excluded. No figures are available for tenants transferring from local authority properties to RSLs in 2001/02. Local authority re-lets include all lettings to new local authority tenants, and exclude transfers, mutual exchanges and dwellings let through mobility arrangements. Again, new-build dwelling have been excluded.

Table 4. Social stock net turnover, 2001/02 to 2008/09

| | 2001/02 | 2002/03 | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Cambridge | 5% | 5% | 6% | 6% | 6% | 2% | 4% | 6% |
| East Cambridgeshire | 5% | 4% | 5% | 8% | 5% | 5% | 8% | 4% |
| Fenland | 9% | 10% | 8% | 7% | 9% | 10% | 9% | 6% |
| Huntingdonshire | 5% | 7% | 6% | 5% | 6% | 5% | 4% | 4% |
| South Cambridgeshire | 5% | 4% | 3% | 5% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 4% |
| Forest Heath | 5% | 7% | 6% | 1% | 4% | 3% | 7% | 7% |
| St Edmundsbury | 6% | 3% | 5% | 4% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 3% |
| Sub Region | 5% | 6% | 6% | 5% | 6% | 4% | 5% | 5% |

Source: HSSA 2001/2 to 2008/9

The stock turnover is the percentage of social units re-let to new tenants each year, (excluding transfers within the social rented sector). In the sub-region and in most of the districts, net annual stock turnover is around 5-6%. Fenland has the highest turnover at around 8%/year on average. South Cambridgeshire has the lowest turnover at 3%.

17.5 Housing needs registers

Housing needs registers provide evidence of the need for affordable housing, but due to differences in the way local authorities manage lists and variations in the number of residents being aware of the registers and putting their name on them, they are problematic and should not be used as the only way to measure housing need³. However, they do provide some useful comparative data across the housing sub-region.

Table 5. Households on housing needs registers, 2001-2009

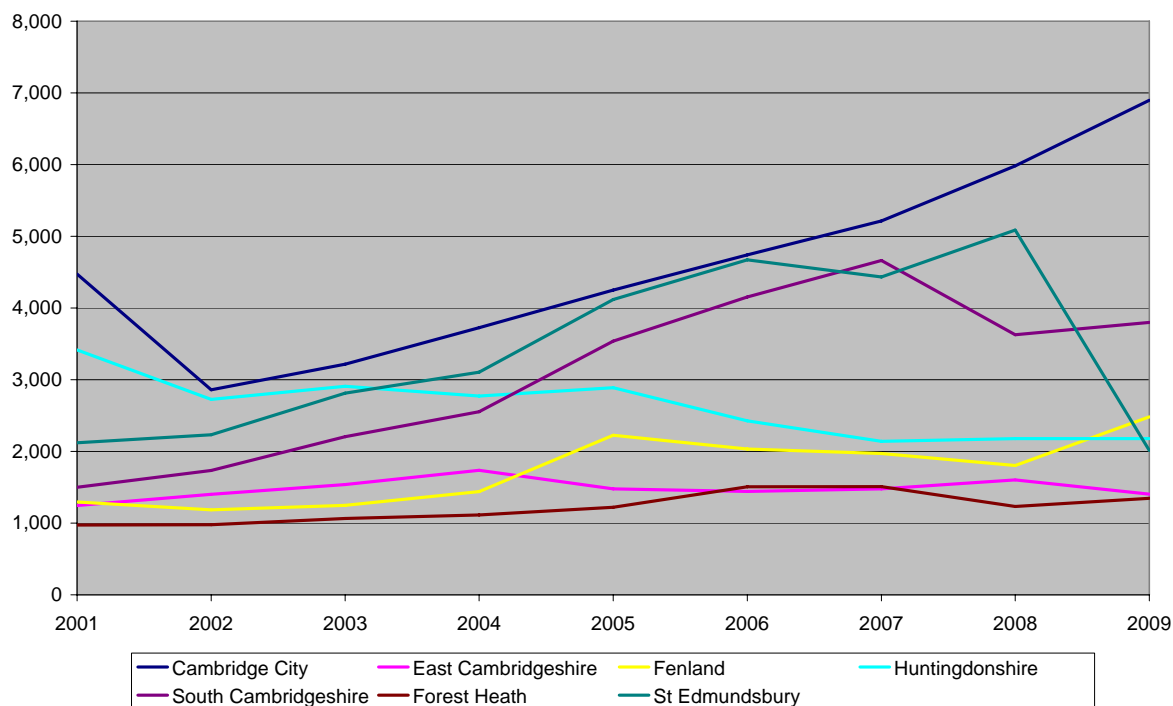
| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cambridge City | 4,472 | 2,860 | 3,218 | 3,724 | 4,251 | 4,743 | 5,214 | 5,984 | 6,897 |
| East Cambridgeshire | 1,245 | 1,400 | 1,538 | 1,737 | 1,477 | 1,442 | 1,479 | 1,603 | 1,404 |
| Fenland | 1,293 | 1,185 | 1,248 | 1,439 | 2,226 | 2,032 | 1,971 | 1,802 | 2,481 |
| Huntingdonshire | 3,416 | 2,724 | 2,910 | 2,772 | 2,887 | 2,425 | 2,139 | 2,178 | 2,178 |
| South Cambridgeshire | 1,500 | 1,733 | 2,207 | 2,553 | 3,538 | 4,155 | 4,661 | 3,626 | 3,800 |
| Forest Heath | 973 | 979 | 1,063 | 1,113 | 1,221 | 1,505 | 1,507 | 1,230 | 1,346 |
| St Edmundsbury | 2,122 | 2,230 | 2,813 | 3,104 | 4,118 | 4,673 | 4,433 | 5,088 | 2,014 |
| Sub-Region | 15,021 | 13,111 | 14,997 | 16,442 | 19,718 | 20,975 | 21,404 | 21,511 | 20,120 |

Source: HSSA 2001/2 to 2008/9

In most areas, the numbers on the housing needs registers have risen. This may be due in part to widening the statutory definition of vulnerable households in priority need, which came into effect in 2002 (see Chapter 18, *Homelessness*). There is also some variation in the management of needs registers. For example, Huntingdonshire had a policy review in 2002 and since then has been reviewing housing applicants every year on a rolling programme.

³ SHMA Guidance Annexes, April 2007, CLG.

Fig 2: Numbers of households on needs register 2001-2009 (excluding households seeking transfers)



Source: HSSA 2001/2 to 2008/9

In 2005, Huntingdonshire introduced a verification framework into their housing register where applicants were asked to provide identification and details of income and capital savings. Where this showed that applicants could afford a home in the private sector, they were assisted through housing advice into other housing options. In 2002 Cambridge City Council started contacting applicants seeking confirmation that they still needed to be on the list. This accounts for a large drop in the number of households on the register in this year, and a similar process took place in St Edmundsbury in 2008/9, again resulting in a large decrease.

17.6 Housing needs registers: priority bands

As mentioned earlier this chapter, a sub-regional Choice-Based Lettings scheme has been introduced data is available for the first time. Under CBL, people are placed in different priority groups and must actively bid for advertised properties. Because people play an active role in looking for accommodation, it should give a more accurate understanding of housing need. It also reduces the duplication from households applying in more than one district.

Households are placed in bands showing priority based on current housing need, with Band A being the most urgent and Band D being the lowest priority band.⁴ Table 6 shows the breakdown by band for each district in 2009.

⁴ For further information on Bands, please see <http://www.home-link.org.uk/scheme3.aspx>

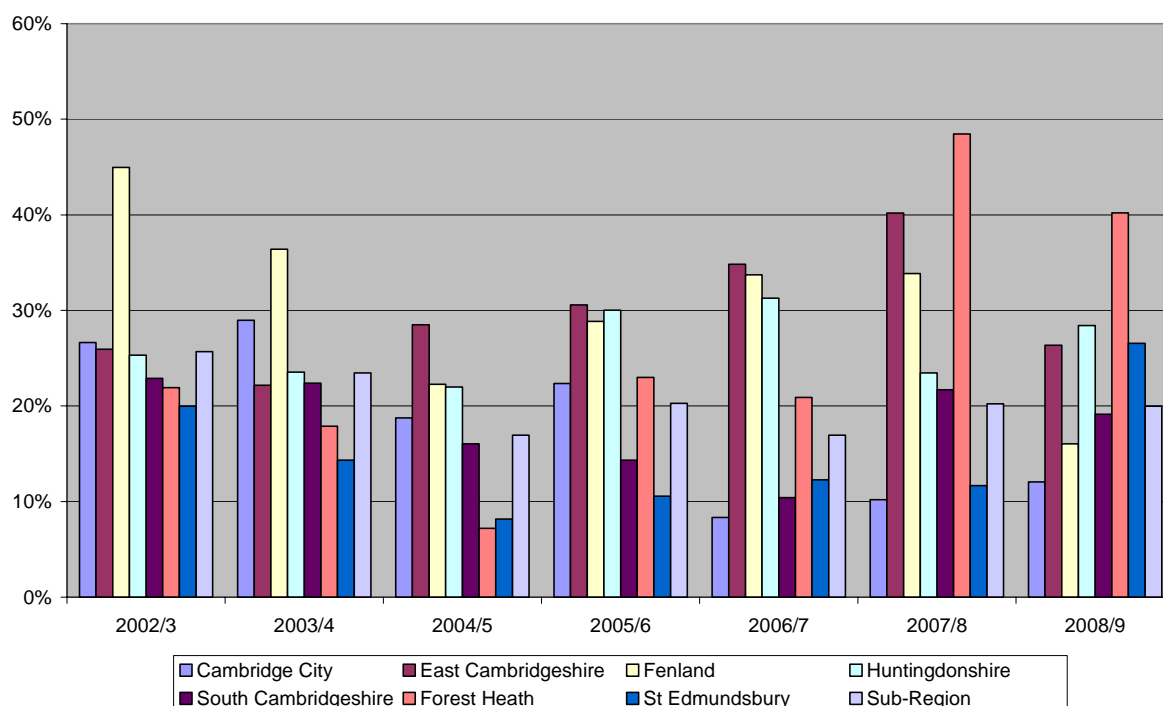
Table 6. % of applicants by priority band and by district, March 2009

| | Band A | Band B | Band C | Band D |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Cambridge | 4% | 7% | 51% | 37% |
| East Cambridgeshire | 2% | 8% | 54% | 36% |
| Fenland | 2% | 8% | 45% | 46% |
| Huntingdonshire | 4% | 11% | 48% | 37% |
| South Cambridgeshire | 4% | 6% | 45% | 45% |
| Forest Heath | 1% | 6% | 56% | 37% |
| St Edmundsbury | 4% | 8% | 47% | 42% |
| Sub-Region | 3% | 8% | 49% | 40% |

Source: Locata, 2009

In the sub-region as a whole, 60% of applicants on the housing needs register are in Bands A to C.

Fig 3: Social lets (re-lets and new build) as a % of needs registers, 2001-09



Source: HSSA 2002/ to 2008/9

17.7 Housing needs registers: number of bedrooms needed

The HSSA also provides data on the size of properties (by number of bedrooms) required by those on the housing needs register, as seen in Tables 7 and 8. The largest requirement across all districts is from smaller households (one or two bedrooms). More than half the register in Cambridge City, Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury is for one bedroom properties. In South Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire there are more households in need of a two bedroom property. Huntingdonshire also has the largest proportion of households in need of properties with four or more bedrooms, followed by East Cambridgeshire. In the sub-region as a whole, 16% of need is for properties with at least three bedrooms. However demand for larger properties is increasing in most districts (see Table 8). For further historical information on property size requirement, see Chapter 29, *Future sizes of homes*.

Table 7. Households on needs register by number of bedrooms needed, 2009

| | 1 bed | 2 beds | 3 beds | 4 or more beds | Unspecified | Total |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Number | | | | | | |
| Cambridge City | 4,519 | 1,527 | 652 | 199 | 0 | 6,897 |
| East Cambridgeshire | 666 | 433 | 169 | 89 | 47 | 1,404 |
| Fenland | 1,132 | 844 | 404 | 101 | 0 | 2,481 |
| Huntingdonshire | 1,200 | 1,258 | 378 | 241 | 190 | 3,267 |
| South Cambridgeshire | 1,206 | 1,891 | 583 | 120 | 0 | 3,800 |
| Forest Heath | 856 | 297 | 124 | 32 | 37 | 1,346 |
| St Edmundsbury | 2,896 | 1,432 | 618 | 107 | 41 | 5,094 |
| Sub-Region | 12,475 | 7,682 | 2,928 | 889 | 315 | 24,289 |
| % | | | | | | |
| Cambridge City | 66% | 22% | 9% | 3% | 0% | 100% |
| East Cambridgeshire | 47% | 31% | 12% | 6% | 3% | 100% |
| Fenland | 46% | 34% | 16% | 4% | 0% | 100% |
| Huntingdonshire | 37% | 39% | 12% | 7% | 6% | 100% |
| South Cambridgeshire | 32% | 50% | 15% | 3% | 0% | 100% |
| Forest Heath | 64% | 22% | 9% | 2% | 3% | 100% |
| St Edmundsbury | 57% | 28% | 12% | 2% | 1% | 100% |
| Sub-Region | 51% | 32% | 12% | 4% | 1% | 100% |

Source: HSSA 2008/9

The proportionately lower numbers of households in need of larger homes registering may be due to low expectations of being housed in an appropriately sized property. If people feel that their chances are low, they may try to solve their housing problems by other means.

Table 8. Percentage of households requiring four or more bedrooms, 2001-2009

| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cambridge City | 0.9% | 1.3% | 1.2% | 1.3% | 1.2% | 1.3% | 1.5% | 3.0% | 2.9% |
| East Cambridgeshire | 1.2% | 1.5% | 1.3% | 1.7% | 1.9% | 3.0% | 5.4% | 5.3% | 6.3% |
| Fenland | 1.8% | 2.4% | 1.9% | 2.0% | 1.0% | 1.0% | 2.8% | 3.3% | 4.1% |
| Huntingdonshire | 2.7% | 3.2% | 3.0% | 6.2% | 5.7% | 5.7% | 5.7% | 7.2% | 7.4% |
| South Cambridgeshire | 1.1% | 1.3% | 1.2% | 2.0% | 1.6% | 2.0% | 2.3% | 2.5% | 3.2% |
| Forest Heath | 2.6% | 4.3% | 2.6% | 3.2% | 4.5% | 3.3% | 4.3% | 3.2% | 2.4% |
| St Edmundsbury | 0.6% | 0.8% | 1.1% | 3.5% | | 3.4% | 3.0% | 2.2% | 2.1% |
| Sub-Region | 1.5% | 1.9% | 1.7% | 2.9% | 2.4% | 2.6% | 3.0% | 3.3% | 3.7% |

Source: HSSA 2001/2 to 2008/9

17.8 Profile of social tenants

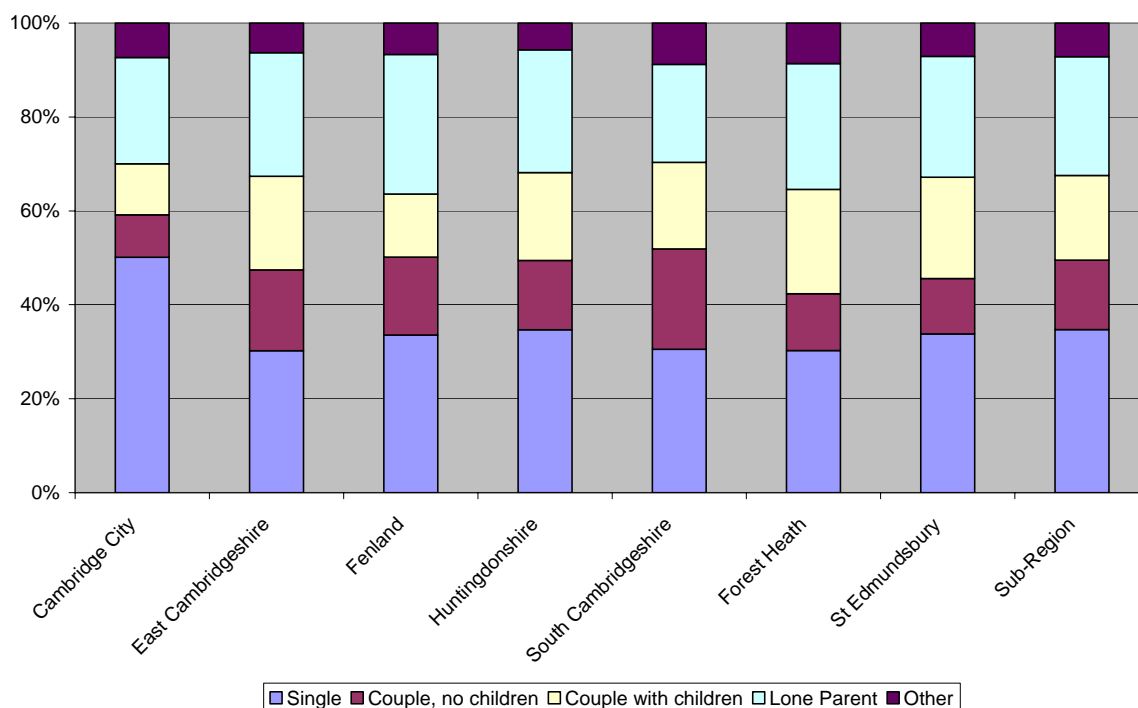
This section looks at data from CORE 2008/9 and gives a profile of households who have moved into social stock in the past year. CORE is a mandatory scheme for all RSLs who manage more than 250 homes, but is voluntary for organisations that manage fewer than 250 units, so does not include every letting in the sub-region however it is useful information for a general profile of recent movers. In 2008/9 there were 2,783 records for tenants in the sub-region as a whole as shown in Table 9.

Table 9. Number of CORE records by district, 2008/9

| | Number of CORE records |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Cambridge City | 367 |
| East Cambridgeshire | 331 |
| Fenland | 313 |
| Huntingdonshire | 562 |
| South Cambridgeshire | 455 |
| Forest Heath | 347 |
| St Edmundsbury | 408 |
| Sub-Region | 2,783 |

Source: CORE 2008/9

Fig 4: Household structure of new lets by district



Source: CORE 2008/9

In the sub-region as a whole, 43% of households included children. Cambridge City let a higher proportion of properties to single people than other districts in the sub-region – half of all new lets in 2008/9 in Cambridge were to single person households.

Table 10. Age of household reference person, new lets, by district

| | Cambridge City | East Cambs | Fenland | Huntingdonshire | South Cambs | Forest Heath | St Edmundsbury | Sub-Region |
|-------|----------------|------------|---------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|------------|
| 16-18 | 3% | 2% | 4% | 4% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 3% |
| 19-24 | 22% | 26% | 19% | 26% | 18% | 23% | 24% | 23% |
| 25-29 | 17% | 18% | 14% | 12% | 12% | 15% | 15% | 14% |
| 30-34 | 11% | 10% | 12% | 9% | 10% | 14% | 12% | 11% |
| 35-39 | 12% | 13% | 9% | 13% | 16% | 12% | 11% | 12% |
| 40-44 | 8% | 9% | 12% | 9% | 11% | 11% | 11% | 10% |

| | Cambridge City | East Cambs | Fenland | Huntingdonshire | South Cambs | Forest Heath | St Edmundsbury | Sub-Region |
|-------|----------------|------------|---------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|------------|
| 45-49 | 7% | 4% | 4% | 6% | 7% | 8% | 7% | 6% |
| 50-54 | 5% | 4% | 4% | 5% | 5% | 3% | 2% | 4% |
| 55-59 | 7% | 3% | 7% | 5% | 6% | 5% | 5% | 5% |
| 60-64 | 4% | 3% | 5% | 4% | 6% | 3% | 3% | 4% |
| 65-69 | 2% | 3% | 4% | 3% | 3% | 1% | 3% | 3% |
| 70+ | 2% | 5% | 5% | 4% | 4% | 1% | 3% | 3% |
| Total | 365 | 329 | 313 | 557 | 451 | 346 | 407 | 2,768 |

Source: CORE 2008/9

In the sub-region as a whole, more than half of lets were to households where the household reference was aged 34 or less. This was slightly higher in East Cambridgeshire (56%) and Forest Heath (55%). Fenland and South Cambridgeshire had the highest proportion of lets to people aged 60+ (14% and 13% respectively).

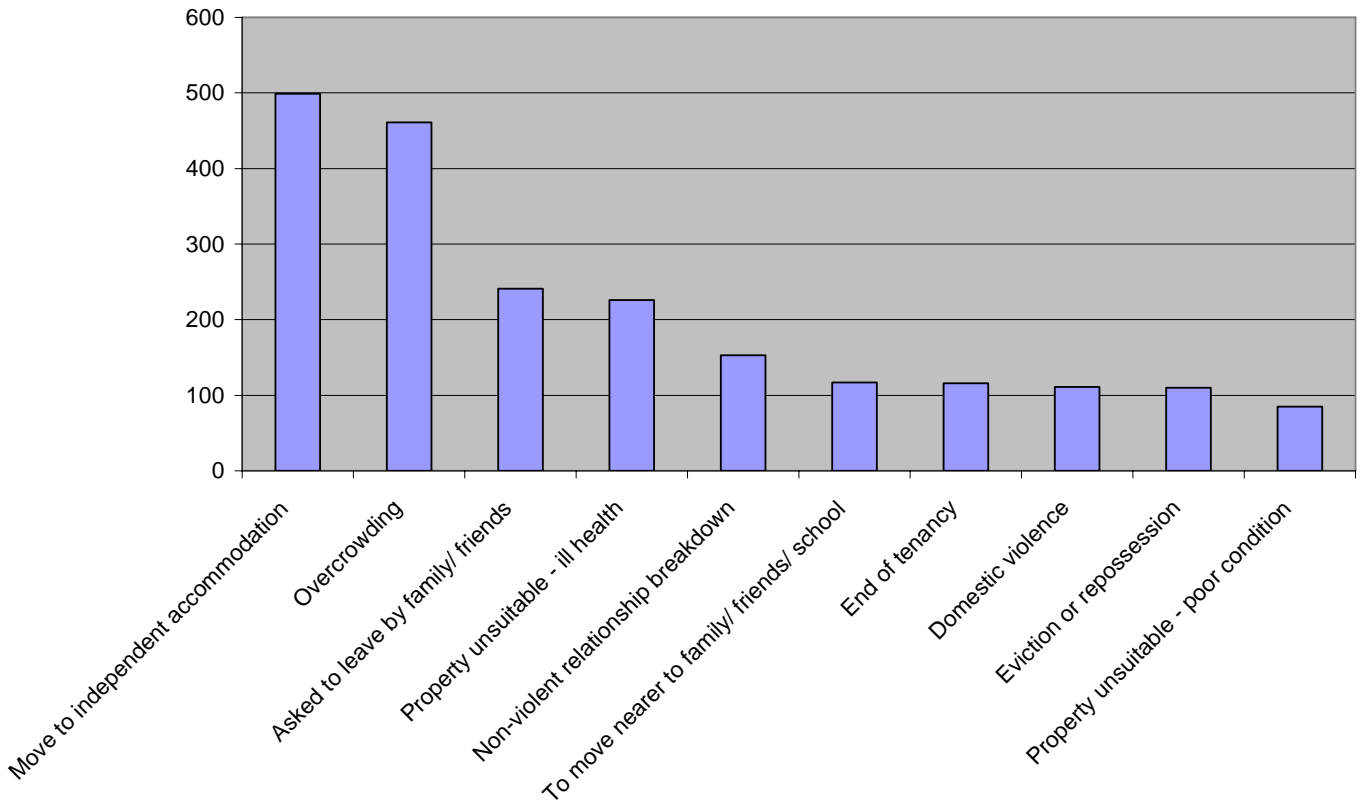
Table 11. Previous tenure by district

| | Cambridge City | East Cambs | Fenland | Huntingdonshire | South Cambs | Forest Heath | St Edmundsbury | Sub-Region |
|--|----------------|------------|---------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|------------|
| Social tenant | 32% | 30% | 29% | 29% | 33% | 36% | 26% | 31% |
| Living with family/friends | 21% | 25% | 22% | 21% | 25% | 25% | 26% | 24% |
| Private tenant | 15% | 23% | 21% | 16% | 20% | 15% | 20% | 18% |
| Temporary accommodation | 14% | 12% | 14% | 21% | 16% | 14% | 7% | 15% |
| Supported housing | 7% | 3% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 13% | 4% |
| Owner occupier | 2% | 2% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 4% | 4% | 3% |
| Mobile/ caravan | 0.3% | 2% | 4% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 0.5% | 1% |
| Rough sleeping | 0.3% | 0% | 2% | 2% | 0.2% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Long-stay institutions e.g. prison, hospital, children's home etc. | 1% | 0% | 2% | 1% | 0.2% | 0.3% | 1% | 1% |
| Other | 8% | 3% | 1% | 3% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 3% |
| Total | 367 | 331 | 313 | 562 | 455 | 347 | 408 | 2,783 |

Source: CORE 2008/9

Nearly a third of lettings were to existing tenants transferring to other properties. Around a quarter of households were previously living with family or friends. There was also a relatively high proportion of households moving from privately rented properties into social rented homes.

Fig 5: Top ten reasons for leaving previous accommodation



Source: CORE 2008/9

The most common reason for leaving previous home was moving to independent accommodation (this is consistent with the high proportion of people previously living with family or friends. Overcrowding was the second most common reason for leaving – in the sub-region as a whole, there were 461 households moving from overcrowded accommodation – compared to just 32 who were moving due to under-occupation.

Appendix 1: New dwelling stock (social rented and Local Authority), 2001/02 to 2008/09

| | | 2001/2 | 2002/3 | 2003/4 | 2004/5 | 2005/6 | 2006/7 | 2007/8 | 2008/9 |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Cambridge | RSL - rented | 104 | 81 | 187 | 32 | 144 | 81 | 42 | 77 |
| | Local Authority | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| East Cambridgeshire | RSL - rented | 44 | 96 | 65 | 38 | 100 | 106 | 122 | 79 |
| | Local Authority | LSVT | | | | | | | |
| Fenland | RSL - rented | 65 | 34 | 63 | 77 | 63 | 70 | 77 | 38 |
| | Local Authority | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | LSVT | | |
| Huntingdonshire | RSL - rented | 128 | 80 | 68 | 91 | 98 | 131 | 62 | 139 |
| | Local Authority | LSVT | | | | | | | |
| South Cambridgeshire | RSL - rented | 74 | 86 | 167 | 94 | 176 | 114 | 253 | 184 |
| | Local Authority | 0 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Forest Heath | RSL - rented | 39 | 5 | 0 | 19 | 80 | 73 | 169 | 149 |
| | Local Authority | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | LSVT | | | |
| St Edmundsbury | RSL - rented | 70 | 153 | 23 | 34 | 62 | 99 | 102 | 147 |
| | Local Authority | LSVT | | | | | | | |

Source: HSSA 2001/2 to 2008/9

Appendix 2: Housing register by size needed, 2001 to 2009

Table 12. Cambridge

| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 bedroom | 92% | 91% | 92% | 92% | 73% | 71% | 70% | 65% | 66% |
| 2 bedroom | | | | | 18% | 20% | 21% | 22% | 22% |
| 3 bedroom | 7% | 7% | 7% | 7% | 7% | 7% | 8% | 10% | 9% |
| 4 or more | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 3% | 3% |
| Unspecified | 0% | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0% | 0.3% | 0.2% | 0.3% | 0.4% | 0% |

Table 13. East Cambridgeshire

| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 bedroom | 88% | 84% | 85% | 82% | 58% | 54% | 56% | 52% | 47% |
| 2 bedroom | | | | | 25% | 28% | 27% | 29% | 31% |
| 3 bedroom | 11% | 15% | 13% | 16% | 14% | 15% | 12% | 13% | 12% |
| 4 or more | 1% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 3% | 5% | 5% | 6% |
| Unspecified | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 3% |

Table 14. Fenland

| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 bedroom | 82% | 81% | 82% | 84% | 51% | 52% | 49% | 47% | 46% |
| 2 bedroom | | | | | 32% | 31% | 31% | 34% | 34% |
| 3 bedroom | 16% | 17% | 16% | 14% | 16% | 16% | 17% | 15% | 16% |
| 4 or more | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 3% | 3% | 4% |
| Unspecified | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |

Table 15. Huntingdonshire

| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 bedroom | 85% | 85% | 85% | 84% | 62% | 61% | 60% | 38% | 37% |
| 2 bedroom | | | | | 22% | 23% | 23% | 42% | 39% |
| 3 bedroom | 12% | 12% | 12% | 10% | 10% | 10% | 11% | 13% | 12% |
| 4 or more | 3% | 3% | 3% | 6% | 6% | 6% | 6% | 7% | 7% |
| Unspecified | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 6% |

Table 16. South Cambridgeshire

| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 bedroom | 85% | 83% | 85% | 83% | 63% | 33% | 32% | 32% | 32% |
| 2 bedroom | | | | | 20% | 49% | 49% | 50% | 50% |
| 3 bedroom | 14% | 15% | 14% | 15% | 15% | 16% | 16% | 16% | 15% |
| 4 or more | 1% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 3% | 3% |
| Unspecified | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |

Table 17. Forest Heath

| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 bedroom | 71% | 88% | 89% | 90% | 62% | 71% | 71% | 63% | 64% |
| 2 bedroom | | | | | 24% | 16% | 15% | 21% | 22% |
| 3 bedroom | 27% | 8% | 9% | 7% | 10% | 8% | 9% | 9% | 9% |
| 4 or more | 3% | 4% | 3% | 3% | 5% | 3% | 4% | 3% | 2% |
| Unspecified | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 0% | 3% | 3% |

Table 18. St Edmundsbury

| | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|---------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 bedroom | 84% | 84% | 83% | 78% | No data | 49% | 44% | 57% | 57% |
| 2 bedroom | | | | | | 32% | 37% | 24% | 28% |
| 3 bedroom | 15% | 15% | 15% | 19% | | 15% | 16% | 17% | 12% |
| 4 or more | 1% | 1% | 1% | 3% | | 3% | 3% | 2% | 2% |
| Unspecified | 0% | 0% | 1% | 0% | | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% |

Source: HSSA 2001/2 to 2008/9