

Key information about the home

When you buy a home through shared ownership, you enter into a shared ownership lease. The lease is a legal agreement between you (the 'leaseholder') and the landlord. It sets out the rights and responsibilities of both parties.

Before committing to buy a shared ownership property, you should ensure you take independent legal and financial advice.

This key information document is to help you decide if shared ownership is right for you. You should read this document carefully so that you understand what you are buying, and then keep it safe for future reference.

It does not form part of the lease. You should carefully consider the information and the accompanying lease, and discuss any issues with your solicitor before signing the lease.

Failure to pay your rent or service charge or your mortgage could mean your house is at risk of repossession.

Examples and figures provided in this key information document are correct at the time of issue but will change over time in accordance with changes in house prices and the terms of the shared ownership lease.

The table below highlights the key features of common shared ownership schemes. The information in this document is for the **Standard model shared ownership**.

Shared ownership model	Older model shared ownership	Standard model shared ownership	New model shared ownership
Minimum initial share	25%	25%	10%
Lease length	Typically, leases were issued for 99 years from new	Leases are for a minimum of 99 years from new but typically at least 125 years	Leases will be for a minimum of 990 years from new
Initial repair period	No	No	Yes
Buying more shares - minimum purchase	10% or 25%	10%	5%
1% share purchase	No	No	Yes
Landlord's nomination period	8 weeks or 12 weeks	8 weeks	4 weeks

Address	Cricket Marsh Walk, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2FB										
Property type	3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House										
Scheme	Shared ownership resale										
Full market value	£395,000										
Share purchase price	£177,750 (45 % share) The share purchase price offered to you will be based on an assessment of what you can afford.										
Rent	<p>If you buy a 45 % share, the rent will be £556.90 a month.</p> <p>If you buy a larger share, you'll pay less rent.</p> <table> <thead> <tr> <th>Share</th> <th>Monthly rent</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>50%</td> <td>£506.27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60%</td> <td>£405.02</td> </tr> <tr> <td>70%</td> <td>£303.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td>75%</td> <td>£253.14</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The percentage share and rent amount will change depending on the amount you can afford. You'll receive a worked example after a financial assessment.</p> <p>The rent will be increased on the 1st of every April. The rent review clause in this lease allows for an increase based on the latest Retail Price Index plus 0.5% .</p>	Share	Monthly rent	50%	£506.27	60%	£405.02	70%	£303.76	75%	£253.14
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<p>Reservation fee</p>	<p>£250</p> <p>You'll need to pay a reservation fee to secure your home. When you pay the fee, no one else will be able to reserve the home.</p> <p>The reservation fee secures the home for 5 days. If you buy the home, the fee will be taken off the final amount you pay on completion. If you do not buy the home, the fee is not refundable.</p>
<p>Eligibility</p>	<p>To assess your eligibility, you'll need to register with a Help to Buy agent.</p> <p>You can apply to buy the home if both of the following apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your household income is £80,000 or less • you cannot afford all of the deposit and mortgage payments to buy a home that meets your needs <p>One of the following must also be true:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you're a first-time buyer • you used to own a home but cannot afford to buy one now • you're forming a new household - for example, after a relationship breakdown • you're an existing shared owner, and you want to move • you own a home and want to move but cannot afford a new home for your needs <p>If you own a home, you must have completed the sale of the home on or before the date you complete your shared ownership purchase.</p> <p>You must have a good credit record. Your application will involve an assessment of your finances.</p> <p>Priority will be given to applicants that have a local connection to Maidstone borough Council either through residency, work or family.</p>
<p>Tenure</p>	<p>Leasehold</p>
<p>Lease type</p>	<p>Shared ownership House lease</p>
<p>Lease term</p>	<p>119 years</p>

Maximum share you can own	You can buy up to 100% of your home.
Transfer of freehold	At 100% ownership, the Freehold will transfer to you.
Landlord	<p>West Kent Housing Association 101 London Road Sevenoaks TN13 1AX</p> <p>Under a shared ownership lease, you pay for a percentage share of the market value of a home. You enter into a lease agreement with the landlord, and agree to pay rent to the landlord on the remaining share.</p>
Landlord's first option to buy	When you give the landlord notice that you intend to sell your share in your home, the landlord has 4 weeks to find a buyer. (The landlord may offer to buy back your share, but only in exceptional circumstances and if they have funds available.) If they do not find a buyer within 4 weeks, you can sell your share yourself on the open market. For example, through an estate agent.
Pets	<p>https://www.westkent.org/media/2447/pets-policy-2019-1.pdf</p> <p>You can keep pets at the home. Please refer to the pet policy above.</p>
Subletting	<p>You can rent out a room in the home at any time, but you must live there at the same time.</p> <p>You cannot sublet (rent out) your entire home unless either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you own a 100% share • you have your landlord's permission, which they will only give in exceptional circumstances <p>If you're a serving member of the armed forces, and you're required to serve away from the area where you live for a fixed period, you may sublet the entire home subject to the landlord's permission.</p>