

Appendix B Scoring criteria and “top ten” priority empty homes for action

Empty homes criteria for assessment

- a) length of time property has been empty
- b) Number of complaints received about the property
- c) Level of impact upon the surrounding neighbourhood
- d) State of disrepair to the property
- e) Likelihood of attracting environmental/anti social behavioural problems
- f) Local housing demand (confirmed with Housing Needs team)
- g) Potential to improve immediate area if brought back into use

Top ten scoring properties against above criteria

Property A, Houghton Regis – score 20
Property B, Potton – score 17
Property C, Shefford – score 16
Property D, Great Northern Road, Dunstable – score 16
Property E, Houghton Regis – score 16
Property F, Dunstable – score 16
Property G, Maulden – score 16
Property H, Dunstable – score 15
Property I, Cranfield (2 together) – score 15
Property J, Shillington – score 14

For reasons given below in appendix C, the following properties only are recommended for high level enforcement action (EDMO, CPO or Enforced sale) and will be presented as such.

Property A, Houghton Regis
Property B, Potton
Property E, Houghton Regis
Property G, Maulden
Potentially Property F, Dunstable
Potentially Property J, Shillington