## Frequently asked questions (FAQs ) - Market rent

**How can I apply for a market rent property?**
We operate a different lettings system for market rent properties and advertise them with Rice Chamberlain and John Shepherd. To search for available homes, go to www.ricechamberlains.co.uk or www.johnshepherd.com

**How do you decide which homes are for market rent?**
When a rented home becomes available, we assess it against a range of criteria including repair and maintenance work needed. If a property needs a lot of investment to bring it up to a social housing standard, we may convert it to market rent to provide better value for money. Only homes developed and funded entirely by BVT can be converted to market rent.

**Why are you offering homes for market rent?**
There's always been a mix of homes on the Bournville estate including homes for social rent, private rent, shared ownership, and homeownership. This mix means a range of people can live on the estate. Profit from market rent is also invested directly back into our planned improvement programmes, which will see us invest £30m on improving homes over the next five years.

**I'm on the waiting list for a social rented home, will I be waiting longer?**
Up to 170 socially rented homes (including bedsits, flats, and sheltered accommodation) become available for re-let each year. However, demand for homes is very high and some properties are limited. For example, on average just one four-bedroom home becomes available in Bournville each year. We're unable to give detailed waiting times because there are so many factors affecting this. For more information on renting a home with us, please go to rented homes area of our website www.bvt.org.uk.