**Refugee Resettlement: Community Sponsorship request for police consultation:**

**Consultation form**

Purpose of this form

This form should be used to record the details of the potential sponsor, proposed property and area to house a refugee family along with the police comment on this potential address. Please see accompanying background note for further information.

Process

Once you have provided the Community Sponsorship Team at the Home Office the address of the property and contact for the local police, they will complete **Part A** of the form before sending it on to the local police Safer Neighbourhood Team (or equivalent police team).

Once received, the **local police Safer Neighbourhood Team** (or equivalent police team) should complete **Part B within 7 working days of receipt** using their local knowledge of any known issues of concern such as community tension/anti-social behaviour/hate crime that could impact the wellbeing/integration of a refugee family into the area and then email the completed form to the Home Office Community Sponsorship Team at the following address: [**communitysponsorship@homeoffice.gov.uk**](mailto:communitysponsorship@homeoffice.gov.uk)

If you have any questions or feedback on this form or process, please contact the Community Sponsorship team at [**communitysponsorship@homeoffice.gov.uk**](mailto:communitysponsorship@homeoffice.gov.uk)

**Part A - To be completed by the Community Sponsorship Team**

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| Community Sponsor name and address |  |
| Lead Sponsor name and telephone number |  |
| Full address of property identified to house refugee family |  |
| Date Part A completed |  |
| Please note – Any information provided may be shared with other statutory agencies and held in line with GDPR principles where appropriate. | |

**Part B – To be completed by local police Safer Neighbourhood team (or equivalent police team) within 7 working days of receipt**

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| Are there any significant community tensions in the area which may affect the suitability of the property? | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Yes |  | | No |  | |
| Are there any significant implications for crime and community safety that could preclude the use of the property? | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Yes |  | | No |  | |
| If yes, please provide further details – what are your concerns and is there a way to mitigate the risk? |  |
| Where details are provided above, are you content for this information to be shared with the community sponsor? | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Yes |  | | No |  | |
| Would you advise any specific proactive community engagement prior to housing a refugee family in this area?  If yes, please provide further information: e.g. Talking to community groups, multi-agency assessments, support package, pre-arrival briefing, community orientation etc. | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Yes |  | | No |  | |
| Overall, from a policing perspective, do you have any concerns about a refugee family being housed at the suggested address? | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Yes |  | | No |  | |
| Additional comments – Please ensure as much information as possible is shared to allow a full assessment by the Home Office. This is also to ensure extra support and advice is appropriately provided where necessary. |  |
| Name and role of completing officer |  |
| Contact number for completing officer |  |
| Date Part B completed |  |

**Policing teams should also contact their local Diverse Communities team (or equivalent) and Divisional/Force Intelligence teams before returning the form**. They may have relevant anecdotal information not recorded on local systems. This could include information from local groups within the community or positive outcomes such as local support groups. They may also be able to provide information on unreported crimes within the community.

It would be difficult to be prescriptive on how wide, and the types of checks to be completed by each individual force. **As a minimum it is suggested that the crime type (e.g. anti-social behaviour, hate crime) is reviewed in the general area, to allow a holistic overview for safeguarding purposes.**

Where the risk is deemed to be low, local checks may suffice. Where migration is currently high, a more detailed problem profile may need to be considered.

It is anticipated that no personal information will be shared with the community sponsor. If you have any concerns with the information you are sharing you should refer to force policies in line with GDPR.

**When both Part A and B are complete, the local police Safer Neighbourhood Team (or equivalent police team) should email this form to the Home Office Community Sponsorship team using the following email address:** [**communitysponsorship@homeoffice.gov.uk**](mailto:communitysponsorship@homeoffice.gov.uk)**.** Once the Home Office receives this completed form, it will be reviewed with the community sponsor’s application.