**RH 1   Rural Housing Zone 1(Rural Metropolitan Area)**

**It is a policy objective to facilitate new one off rural housing in this Rural Metropolitan Area subject to the following criteria:**

**Applicants who have long standing demonstrable economic and/or social Rural Links to the area, i.e. who have grown up in the area, schooled in the area or who have spent a substantial, continuous part of their lives in the area and/or have or have had, immediate family connections in the area e.g. son or daughter of longstanding residents of the area seeking to develop their first home within the Rural Metropolitan Area. Applicants will be requested to establish a substantiated Rural Housing Need and only this category of persons will be allowed to construct a dwelling on a greenfield site in these areas.**

**To have lived in the area for a continuous ten years or more is to be recognised as a substantial, continuous part of life and also as the minimum period required to be deemed longstanding residents of the area.**

**Documentary evidence shall be submitted to the Planning Authority to justify the proposed development and will be assessed on a case by case basis.**

**An Enurement condition shall apply for a period of 7 years, after the date that the new house is first occupied by the person or persons to whom the enurement clause applies.**