

Lifetime Homes – applies to all planning applications which include housing, whether new build, mixed use schemes, changes of use or conversions.

A Lifetime Home is an ordinary home incorporating 16 design features for accessible living. This template can be used to address the 16 Lifetime Homes standards.

You should also ensure that plans submitted with the planning application are clearly marked up to show how the Lifetime Homes standards for points 1,3,5,6,7,10,12,14, and 15 have been achieved.

New build housing schemes should incorporate all 16 points to ensure a suitable level of access is provided.

However, it is understood that some of the Lifetime Homes standards may not be achievable in all cases, particularly in some conversions and changes of use (e.g from one dwelling house to three flats). Where conversions or changes of use cannot meet with all of the standards then you should incorporate as many standards as possible to maximise accessibility.

You need to provide a full justification addressing the 16 standards, including a detailed explanation as to why individual standards have not been achieved. You can use these boxes to address each of the Lifetime Homes standards.

For more information on the specific requirements for each standard, please see the information provided by the [Joseph Rowntree Foundation](#) or the Lifetimes Homes section of [Camden Planning Guidance](#).

1. If there is car parking adjacent to the home, is it capable of enlargement to attain 3300mm width? If not, please explain why.
*show on plans

Only relevant if are you providing car parking on site

NO PARKING SPACES LOCATED ON SITE.

2. Is the distance from the car parking space to the home kept to a minimum and is it level or gently sloping? If not, please explain why.

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3. Are the approaches to all entrances level or gently sloping? If not, please explain why.
*show on plans

ENTRANCE FOOTPATH IS LEVEL WITH FRONT DOOR/INTERNAL THRESHOLD. SEE P_05 FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

4. Are all entrances illuminated and do they have level access over the threshold and a covered main entrance? If not, please explain why.

ALL ENTRANCES ARE ILLUMINATED, HAVE LEVEL ACCESS & HAVE A COVERED MAIN ENTRANCE.

5. a) Do communal stairs provide easy access?
b) Where homes are reached by a lift, is it fully wheelchair accessible?
If not, please explain why.
*show on plans

Show dimensions of communal stair case

- a) NO COMMUNAL STAIRS
b) HOMES NOT ACCESSED BY LIFTS.

6. Does the width of internal doorways and hallways conform to Part M of the Building Regulations except where the approach is not head on and the corridor width is 900mm, where the clear opening width should be 900mm rather than 800mm? Is there 300mm to the side of the leading edge of the doors on the entrance level? If not, please explain why.
*show on plans

DOOR WIDTHS & HALLWAYS CONFORM WITH PART M. SEE DRAWINGS P-01 - P-03 INCLUSIVE.

7. Is there space for turning a wheelchair in dining areas and living rooms and adequate circulation space for wheelchair users elsewhere? If not, please explain why.
*show on plans

A turning circle of 1500mm diameter or a 1700x1400mm ellipse is required.

DINING/LIVING AREAS FACILITATE A 1500mm TURNING CIRCLE.
SEE P-01 OF PLANNING APPLICATION.

8. Is the living room at entrance level? If not, please explain why.

Entrance level = where you go into the flat/house/maisonette

LIVING ROOM IS ON ENTRY LEVEL.

9. In houses of two or more storeys, is there space on the entrance level that could be used as a convenient bedspace? If not, please explain why.

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THERE IS POTENTIAL TO USE ROOMS ON THE ENTRY LEVEL AS BEDSPACE. SEE DRAWING P-01 OF PLANNING APPLICATION.

10. Is there
a) a wheelchair accessible entrance level WC, with
b) drainage provision enabling a shower to be fitted in the future?
If not, please explain why.
*show on plans

A wheelchair accessible entrance level WC is one with side and frontal transfer to pan - see websites for dimensions

THE LAUNDRY AREA LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR AND SEEN ON DRAWING P-01, COULD BE USED AS A DISABLED TOILET / SHOWER.

11. Are walls in bathrooms and toilets capable of taking adaptations such as handrails?
If not, please explain why.

YES.

12. Does the design incorporate:
a) provision for a future stair lift?
b) a suitably identified space for a through the floor lift from the ground to the first floor, for example to a bedroom next to a bathroom?
If not, please explain why.
*show on plans

For dimensions - see websites

a) YES THE STAIRS WOULD FACILITATE A STAIR LIFT.

b) NO, THE LIVING ROOM & LAUNDRY WOULD DOUBLE AS BEDROOM & TOILET
SEE P-01.

13. Does the design provide for a reasonable route for a potential hoist from a main bedroom to the bathroom? If not, please explain why.

~~NO, THE~~ YES A HOIST COULD BE RETROFITTED FROM BEDROOM TO BATHROOM.

14. Is the bathroom designed to incorporate ease of access to the bath, WC and wash basin?
If not, please explain why.
*show on plans

For further information and dimensions - see websites

YES, SHOULD THE LAUNDRY SERVE AS A BATHROOM, IT COULD BE DESIGNED TO FACILITATE THE ABOVE.

15. Does the living room window glazing begin at 800mm or lower and are windows easy to open/operate? If not, please explain why.
*show on plans

YES THE WINDOWS ARE FLOOR TO CEILING. SEE PLANNING DRAWING P-05.

16. Are switches, sockets, ventilation and service controls at a height usable by all (i.e. between 450 and 1200mm from the floor)? If not, please explain why.

For dimensions - see websites

YES ALL SWITCHES, SOCKETS, VENTILATION AND SERVICE CONTROLS
ARE LOCATED AT SUITABLE HEIGHTS (OUTLINED ABOVE)