

## MEETING THE POLICIES OF THE LIFETIME HOMES STANDARDS

### IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION 2009/3831 - 14 HEATH DRIVE LONDON NW3 7SN

The existing structure defines and limits what can be provided under the aim of the lifetime homes guidance. Only the upper maisonette can be adapted to allow wheelchair access and for use by semi ambulant persons.

1. Car parking for two cars can be provided on the hard standing area., one space with a width of 3,300mm to allow for disabled access to the car. See 06.738.06 Rev A
2. The distance from car to front door of the upper maisonette will be minimal.
3. The approach to house is gently sloping. See 06.738.06 Rev A

4a The existing front elevation is of architectural merit and contributes towards a designated Conservation Area. The original entrance porch is to be retained offering protection as a covering to the main entrance. No external lighting to the main entrance porch is envisaged. However the original glazing panels do offer some light to the front door. The side passage is to have PIR lighting to allow safe access to the side of the building.

4b The low step to the front door can be accessible by semi ambulant persons and a temporary ramp could be provided for wheelchair access.

5. There are no communal stairs or lifts in the development

6. The doors to the Ground floor rooms can be provided with minimum 900mm wide doors to allow wheelchair access to this level. See 06.738.06 Rev A

7. The Ground floor hallway can accommodate a 1500mm turning circle within the width of the hallway. Turning circle for wheelchair is possible in all the rooms at Ground floor level. See 06.738.06 Rev A

8. The Living Room is at Ground floor level.

9. The Dining room or the Front Sitting room can be converted into a Bedroom should this be required.

10. The main residential unit will have a disabled access W.C. at Ground floor level. The dining room can be converted into a fully equipped disabled shower room should this be required. There is drainage alongside the flank wall with hot and cold water available from the adjoining W.C.

11. The walls of the W.C. and future shower room will be capable of having future fittings to enable disabled user to more easily use the W.C. and shower room.

12. The existing staircase is wide enough to accommodate a future stair lift should one be required leading from Ground floor to Second floor. The Ground floor rooms are large enough to easily accommodate a future lift/hoist to the First floor should one be required.

13. There is easy level access between Bedrooms and bathrooms at both first floor and Second floor level.

14. The proposed bedrooms have en-suite bathrooms that could be adapted for wheelchair use should Bedrooms at First floor level be required for disabled use.

15. The living room windows go down to the floor level and slide/fold open to allow full access for wheelchair user to the rear terrace and garden area.

16. The height of the switches will be set at 1,000mm above finished floor level. The sockets will be set in discussion with the District Surveyor at Building Control stage.

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