

Lifetime Homes Criteria

(1) Car Parking Width

Where there is car parking adjacent to the home, it should be capable of enlargement to attain 3300mm width.

(2) Access From Car Parking

The distance from the car parking space to the home should be kept to a minimum and should be level or gently sloping.

(3) Approach Gradients

The approach to all entrances should be level or gently sloping.

(4) Entrances

All entrances should:

- 4a) be illuminated
- 4b) have level access over the threshold and
- 4c) main entrances should be covered.

(5) Communal Stairs & Lifts

- 5 a) Communal stairs should provide easy access and
- 5 b) Where homes are reached by a lift, it should be fully accessible.

(6) Doorways & Hallways

The width of the doorways and hallways should conform to Lifetime Homes specifications.

(7) Wheelchair Accessibility

There should be space for turning a wheelchair in dining areas and living rooms and adequate circulation space for wheelchairs elsewhere.

(8) Living Room

The living room should be at entrance level.

(9) Entrance Level Bedspace

In houses of two or more storeys, there should be space on the entrance level that could be used as a convenient bed-space.

(10) Entrance Level WC & Shower Drainage

There should be:

- a) A wheelchair accessible entrance level WC, with
- b) Drainage provision enabling a shower to be fitted in the future.

(11) Bathroom & WC Walls

Walls in the bathroom and WC should be capable of taking adaptations such as handrails.

(12) Stair Lift/Through-Floor Lift

The design should incorporate:

- 12a) provision of a stair lift
- 12b) 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.

(13) Tracking Hoist Route

The design should provide a reasonable route for a potential hoist from a main bedroom to the bathroom.

(14) Bathroom Layout

The bathroom should be designed to incorporate ease of access to the bath, WC and wash basin.

(15) Window Specification

Living room window glazing should begin at 800mm or lower and windows should be easy to open/operate.

(16) Controls, Fixtures & Fittings

Switches, sockets, ventilation and service controls should be at a height usable by all (i.e. between 450mm and 1200mm from the floor).

Further information available at <http://www.lifetimehomes.org.uk/>

Lifetime Homes Diagram

