

## **Lifetime Homes Standards - 16 point criteria checklist**

The following checklist shall be completed with reference to the publication 'Revised Lifetime Homes Standard' by Habinteg (published 5 July 2010) which sets out full details of the Lifetime Homes criteria.

Applicants must be able to provide justification for any non-compliance.

### **Criterion 1 - Parking (width or widening capability)**

#### **1a – 'On plot' (non-communal) parking**

Where a dwelling has car parking within its individual plot (or title) boundary, at least one parking space length should be capable of enlargement to achieve a minimum width of 3300mm.

#### **1b – Communal or shared parking**

Provide at least one parking space (or a greater number as determined by the Local Planning Authority), at least 3300mm wide x 4800mm deep adjacent to (or close to) each block's entrance or lift core. Where some dwellings in a development are designated as "wheelchair housing", any specific parking for such dwellings should be in addition to those provided in respect of this Lifetime Home Criterion. The access route between the parking and communal entrance (or in the case of basement parking, the lift core) should maintain a minimum clear width of 1200mm.

**Does scheme comply? If yes, please demonstrate by reference to drawing number or provide other evidence. If no, please provide the reason for non-compliance.**

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### **Criterion 2 - Approach to dwelling from parking (distance, gradients and widths)**

The distance from the car parking space of Criterion 1 to the dwelling entrance (or relevant block entrance or lift core), should be kept to a minimum and be level or gently sloping. The distance from visitors parking to relevant entrances should be as short as practicable and be level or gently sloping.

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**Criterion 3 - Approach to all entrances**

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

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**Criterion 4 - Entrances**

All entrances should:

- a) Be illuminated;
- b) Have level access over the threshold; and
- c) Have effective clear opening widths and nibs as specified in the main document.

In addition, main entrances should also:

- d) Have adequate weather protection; and
- e) Have a level external landing.

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**Criterion 5 - Communal stairs and lifts**

**5a – Communal stairs**

Principal access stairs should provide easy access regardless of whether or not a lift is provided.

**5b – Communal lifts**

Where a dwelling is reached by a lift, it should be fully accessible.

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**Criterion 6 - Internal doorways and hallways**

Movement in hallways and through doorways should be as convenient to the widest range of people, including those using mobility aids or wheelchairs, and those moving furniture or other objects.

As a general principle, narrower hallways and landings will need wider doorways in their side walls. The width of doorways and hallways should conform to the specification within the main document.

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**Criterion 7 - Circulation space**

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

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**Criterion 8 - Entrance level living space**

A living room / living space should be provided on the entrance level of every dwelling.

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**Criterion 9 - Potential for entrance level bed-space**

In dwellings with two or more storeys, with no permanent bedroom on the entrance level, there should be space on the entrance level that could be used as a convenient temporary bed-space.

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**Criterion 10 - Entrance level WC and shower drainage**

Where an accessible bathroom, in accordance with Criterion 14, is not provided on the entrance level of a dwelling, the entrance level should have an accessible WC compartment, with potential for a shower to be installed.

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**Criterion 11 - WC and bathroom walls**

Walls in all bathrooms and WC compartments should be capable of firm fixing and support for adaptations such as grab rails.

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**Criterion 12 - Stairs and potential through-floor lift in dwellings**

The design within a dwelling of two or more storeys should incorporate both:

- a) Potential for stair lift installation; and
- b) A suitable identified space for a through-the-floor lift from the entrance level to a storey containing a main bedroom and a bathroom satisfying Criterion 14.

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**Criterion 13 - Potential for future fitting of hoists and bedroom / bathroom relationship**

Structure above a main bedroom and bathroom ceilings should be capable of supporting ceiling hoists and the design should provide a reasonable route between this bedroom and the bathroom.

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**Criterion 14 - Bathrooms**

An accessible bathroom, providing ease of access, should be provided in every dwelling on the same storey as a main bedroom.

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**Criterion 15 - Glazing and window handle heights**

Windows in the principal living space (typically the living room) should allow people to see out when seated. In addition, at least one opening light in each habitable room should be approachable and usable by a wide range of people – including those with restricted movement and reach.

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**Criterion 16 - Location of service controls**

Service controls should be within a height band of 450mm to 1200mm from the floor and at least 300mm away from any internal room corner.

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