

Appendix 11

Wheelchair Standard Homes

The 'Wheelchair' standard is higher, allowing a person with restricted mobility to live in the house/flat and in addition to the other requirements would include things such as low electrical sockets, space to move around in a wheelchair, user friendly bathroom and WC and a car port. Although a lifetime home (as referred to in Chapter 5) is designed to be flexible, and will meet the needs of the majority of people, it only guarantees access to the ground floor for the person using a wheelchair.

There is also a need for Part M of the Building Regulations to be applied to all new housing provision. Research commissioned by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, concluded that Part M was not widely recognised by builders and is only variably enforced by building control officers.