

**Table 3: Lifetime Homes (LTH) Additional DfC requirements**

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1b	A percentage (ideally not less than 25%) of any communal car parking spaces adjacent to the home or within a secure compound / basement should be capable of enlargement to attain a 3.3m width.
3	A level area (1200x1200mm min) should be provided at the main entrances. (Where it is to assist the removal of surface water, a small gradient of $\leq 1:40$ is acceptable in addition to the drainage channel). DfC requires level or gentle sloping approach to all LTH units.
5	Doors to bathrooms and WCs should be outward opening and be fitted with special locks openable from the outside.
7	There should also be space for turning a wheelchair in a kitchen.
8	The wheelchair accessible entrance level WC criteria for 'dwellings of three or more bedrooms' should also apply to two bedroom accommodation.
10	<p>There should be drainage and service provision enabling a shower to be fitted in the future. The future shower provision should be in addition to a bath. However, in the case of one person/bed-sits or one bedroom accommodation (1P/1B and 2P/1B) the bath/shower space can be combined. If an Association wishes to install a shower rather than a bath at the outset in one-bed house types, then space for a bath to be installed in future must be indicated.</p> <p>In order to minimise potential adaptation costs, DfC requires the Associations to identify a minimum 1300 x 800mm unobstructed shower space and install a level deck floor former at construction stage. This area can also function as the transfer space to the WC and must not be compromised if/when a shower is required at a future time (See further note below).</p>

<b>12a</b>	The design should incorporate a straight-flight, dog-leg or 'L' shaped stairs with adequate space top and bottom for chair parking provision for a future stair lift.
<b>12b</b>	DfC requires that there is no compromise to the occupancy of the unit with the installation of a through the floor lift.
<b>16</b>	Gas/electricity meters and automatic heating system controls should be fully accessible. External gas/electricity meters should be mounted between 700mm and 1000mm above ground level, and boiler timer controls and thermostats should be located between 900mm and 1200mm above finished floor level.
	<b>Note:</b>
	In 3 storey houses only the ground and first floors need comply with Lifetime Homes criteria. Where required, the choice of shower enclosure needs careful consideration. Associations must ensure that when not in use, the enclosure doors fold back into a position where they do not obstruct the clear lateral transfer space at the WC.