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Blenheim Gardens RMO Guidance Leaflet

Wheelchair and mobility housing

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What is wheelchair and mobility housing?

Wheelchair and mobility homes have been specially adapted for people with physical disabilities. Some are purpose-built whilst others have been adapted to suite the individual needs of someone already living there.

What is wheelchair-standard housing?

This type of housing is specifically built or adapted for a person who uses a wheelchair permanently. They are either self-contained flats or houses. If they are flats they will be on the ground floor.

They all have wider doorways and passages with enough space for wheelchair users to be able to move around comfortably. Some bathrooms have walk-in showers with built-in seating, others have baths with hoists that allows the user to be lowered into their bath.

Kitchen units are lower for easy access. Electrical switches and sockets are within easy reach of someone using a wheelchair. Some houses that have been adapted have lifts, giving the wheelchair user the freedom to move around their home.

What is mobility-standard housing?

The type of adaptation found in a mobility-standard property depends on the disability of the person living there. Mobility housing can have:

- Ramps outside the home
- Handrails in the corridors and bathrooms
- Toilets that have been raised
- Stair lifts for people living in houses and maisonettes

Who is eligible?

Current council tenants and private tenants applying to Lambeth for housing are eligible.

How do I apply?

If you are a council tenant, you should contact your housing officer who will arrange for a medical assessment to be carried out. A referral form can be completed in the estate office.

A social services community occupational therapist, with housing's medical assessment officer, will do the assessment and recommend what type of home can be offered to you.

If you are a private tenant, you must join Lambeth's Housing Register. If you are applying for the first time, one of the questions on the application form asks if anyone in your home has a disability. If you answer "Yes" to this question, your caseworker will arrange for a medical assessment to be carried out.

If you are already on Lambeth's Housing Register, contact your caseworker who will arrange for a medical assessment. A medical assessment officer and a community occupational therapist will do the assessment and recommend what type of home is suitable for you.

What happens next?

The medical recommendation is noted on your application. You will then have to wait until it is your turn to be made an offer of accommodation or bid for a suitable property through choice based letting. The allocation officer will assess whether the property available meets your needs.

Other information

- Adapted homes are in short supply, especially for people who need bigger homes
- Most of the adapted homes are on estates
- It is unlikely that you will be nominated to a housing association for an adapted home
- You might not be able to transfer to another council because other councils keep adopted home for people living in their area