

Community integration

Developers should demonstrate that their scheme meets the needs of the local community, which has been involved and consulted during the design process.

Essential information should be provided with each unit explaining:

- Energy and water management and environmental systems.
- Local amenities and transport services and community groups.
- Recycling and refuse collection facilities
- Useful contacts, emergency services, social services etc.

Accessibility

Wherever possible make dwellings and amenities accessible to disabled people above and beyond statutory requirements.

Design homes to be adaptable to future

and changing needs, e.g Lifetime Homes/ BS8300 standard.

Incorporate features like attic trusses to optimise building footprint and allow for vertical extensions.

Sustainable developments will have provision for community management of facilities and provide public open space, green spaces and provision for food growing either in gardens or allotments.

Developments should also incorporate a private space where residents can be in the open air and not overlooked.

All dwellings should include an area where clothes can be dried naturally.

Homes should be sited within walking and cycling distance of local amenities and public transport nodes.

Provision should be included for the secure storage of cycles.