

## Request 11213 Accessible housing 2

1. What is your current Local Plan for new housing? Please provide its name and dates.
2. How many new homes are planned under your current Local Plan? Please provide a yearly breakdown (financial year).
3. Does your current Local Plan for new homes include a technical accessibility standard?
4. What are the technical accessibility standard(s) detailed in your current Local Plan for new homes?
5. How many new homes are planned under your current Local Plan to meet a technical accessibility standard? Please provide a yearly breakdown (financial year).
6. Under your current local plan, of the new homes planned to meet a technical accessibility standard, how many are planned to meet the requirements of:
  - Wheelchair design standard
  - Lifetime Homes Standard
  - M4(1) Category 1
  - M4(2) Category 2
  - M4(3) Category 3(A)
  - M4(3) Category 3(B)
7. How many homes planned to meet the above technical accessibility standards are council owned properties? Please provide a breakdown by each type of technical accessibility standard within this.

I would be grateful if you could break down the data in yearly increments (financial year) where possible.

### Response

Thank you for your request for information above, which we have dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I hope the information below will answer your query.

1. What is your current Local Plan for new housing? Please provide its name and dates.

The current South Cambridgeshire Local Plan was adopted in September 2018. It covers the period 2011-2031.

2. How many new homes are planned under your current Local Plan? Please provide a yearly breakdown (financial year).

The Local Plan plans for 19,500 new dwellings which is an annual rate of 975 over the 20 year period. Progress is monitored through the Greater Cambridge Authority Monitoring Report and the Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and 5 Year Housing Land Supply Report. Both reports are updated annually and can be accessed from the [Greater Cambridge Shared Planning website](#).

3. Does your current Local Plan for new homes include a technical accessibility standard?

Yes

4. What are the technical accessibility standard(s) detailed in your current Local Plan for new homes?

M4(2) Category 2: Accessible and adaptable dwellings

5. How many new homes are planned under your current Local Plan to meet a technical accessibility standard? Please provide a yearly breakdown (financial year).

Policy H/9: Housing Mix specifies that:

“5% of homes in a development should be built to the accessible and adaptable dwellings M4(2) standard rounding down to the nearest whole property. This provision shall be split evenly between the affordable and market homes in a development rounding to the nearest whole number.”

This means that in practice M4(2) only applies to permissions of 20+ dwellings. M4(2) completions are monitored through the Annual Monitoring Report. The 2020/2021 report noted:

“An evaluation of all of the developments of 20 or more dwellings approved in the 2020-2021 monitoring year was undertaken. Eleven applications were reviewed. Seven met or exceeded the required standard and the remaining schemes either had a previous outline or extant planning permission in place. Overall, the impact of the policy will continue to grow as fewer reserved matters applications are approved

where there is an outline permission granted before Policy H/9 came into effect.”  
(para 3.34)

6. Under your current local plan, of the new homes planned to meet a technical accessibility standard, how many are planned to meet the requirements of: • Wheelchair design standard • Lifetime Homes Standard • M4(1) Category 1 • M4(2) Category 2 • M4(3) Category 3(A) • M4(3) Category 3(B)

The Local Plan only applies the M4(2) Category 2.

7. How many homes planned to meet the above technical accessibility standards are council owned properties? Please provide a breakdown by each type of technical accessibility standard within this. I would be grateful if you could break down the data in yearly increments (financial year) where possible.

As noted in response to Q5, the provision of M4(2) dwellings shall be split evenly between market and affordable homes. Affordable homes in South Cambridgeshire include both council homes and affordable homes owned by other providers. Data is not published on the breakdown of M4(2) dwelling permissions by tenure.

We aim to provide a quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response, however if you have any questions, please contact us.