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Good afternoon,

Please find attached a personal comment concerning the revised housing development off Lingards Road.

I ask that my personal details are not made public.

Kind regards

House type A1, like other proposed dwellings in this application, is planned to be built with a 14.8cm lintel, which effectively presents as a step: *see image right*.

The image below is different, as it shows a side view of an accessible threshold.

It is designed to allow wheelchair users ease of access to dwellings.

I understand developers who have applied for and demonstrated NHBC competency would offer this threshold in new builds.

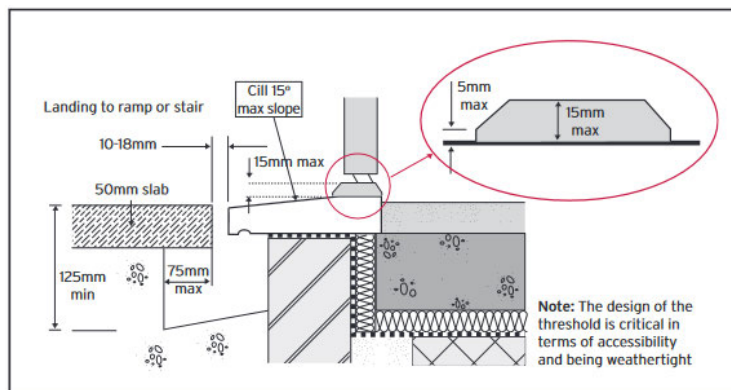
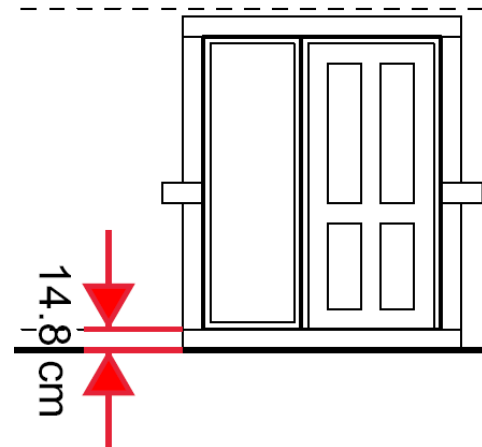


Diagram 5 - Accessible threshold

In my view, it would represent a worthy contribution towards removing barriers to wheelchair users.

Its inclusion, by NHBC, aligns with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

That convention attempts to remove what are seen as discriminatory practices, against anyone disabled, which includes removing accessibility issues.

Access to dwellings is included in those practices.

The UK ratified the convention in 2009, but it is down to local authorities to determine if new homes must comply with it.

As far as I know, Kirklees have not adopted the convention, in part or full, which means challenging/impossible wheelchair access to new dwellings is not prevented by KMC.

This is why 14.8cm steps are permitted.

Eventually, I hope, all such barriers are consigned to history; whether developers are NHBC registered or not.