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The planning of improvements gives you an ideal chance to make your home accessible to all, including disabled people. You may respond that no-one in your house is disabled, so there's no need, but TAG and Crawley Borough Council would ask you to take a broader view, for these reasons:

The benefits to you

- Good access could well enhance the value of your property.
- Present occupants or friends may have mobility problems in the future.
- Disabled visitors and future occupants can be accommodated.
- Features such as ample door widths and level thresholds are also helpful for pushchairs, the moving of large furniture, etc.
- There will be an increasing demand for accessible homes as the population ages.

Good access features are now a legal requirement in all new dwellings. You could also incorporate them.

How can these benefits be achieved?

- A level or ramped approach to any new external door, maximum gradient of 1:15, and a minimum width of 900mm.
- A level standing area outside the entrance of at least 1200 X 1200mm.
- A level/flush entrance.
- A clear unobstructed width of 775mm for entrance doors.
- Provision of toilet facilities on ground floor.
- 900mm width for any new hallway to allow circulation by wheelchair user.
- Electrical sockets 500mm above floor level.

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