

**Table 11: Elderly Housing (Category 1 & Category 2) - Accessibility Criteria**

<b>ELDERLY HOUSING (CATEGORY 1 &amp; CATEGORY 2) (ACCESSIBILITY CRITERIA)</b>
<b>Access:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Any in-curtilage car parking or a percentage (ideally not less than 25%) of communal car parking adjacent to the home or within a secure compound / basement should be capable of enlargement to attain 3.3m width.</li><li>• The distance from any car-parking space to the home should be kept to a minimum and be level or gently sloping. Refer to Lifetime Homes criteria for the definition of gently sloping.</li><li>• The approach to all main entrances should be level or gently sloping. Refer to Lifetime Homes criteria for the definition of gently sloping.</li><li>• Main entrances covered, illuminated and with a level area (1200mm x 1200mm) and a flush threshold or projection of not more than 15mm.</li><li>• All access staircases and corridors to flat blocks, etc, should be enclosed to give protection from rain and the risk of ice in frosty weather.</li><li>• Stairways should provide easy access, have handrails on both sides, a pitch not exceeding 35°, and no tapered steps.</li><li>• A lift of sufficient size to accommodate a wheelchair (minimum 1400mm deep x 1100mm wide should normally be provided to dwellings with entrances 1 or more floors above the main pedestrian access level. In Category 1 schemes of only 2 storeys in height, lift provision may not be considered necessary for a small number of independently accessed flats. However, the staircase should be capable of being fitted with a future stairlift, if required. Two independently operating lifts should be provided in blocks exceeding 4 storeys in height above pedestrian access level.</li></ul>