

Habinteg

Accessible homes. Independent lives.

Campaigning to boost provision of accessible homes

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About Habinteg

Habinteg in short



- Habinteg has 50 years experience delivering and championing inclusive homes
 - Centre for Accessible Environments: our in-house team of experts
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Why are accessible homes so important?

Chris Hicken: Habinteg tenant



“Accessible housing is not just about whether or not the wheelchair can fit through the front door but everything inside the property should be accessible: toilets, cupboards, working surfaces and bathrooms”

Kerry Thompson: Habinteg tenant

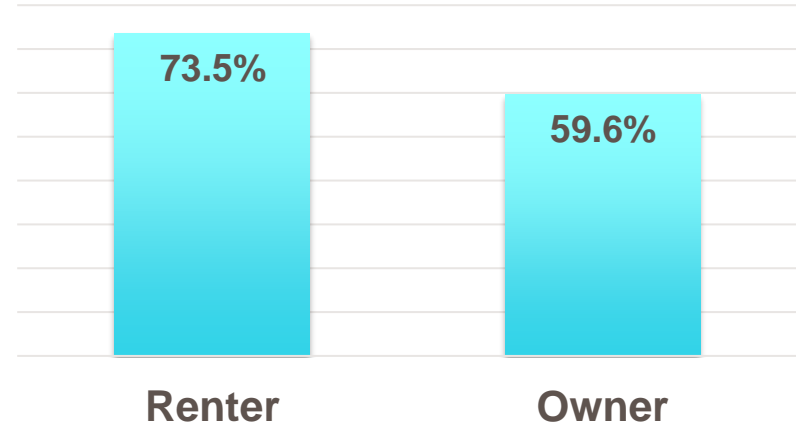


“Just having appropriate housing can dramatically improve disabled people’s ability to live independently

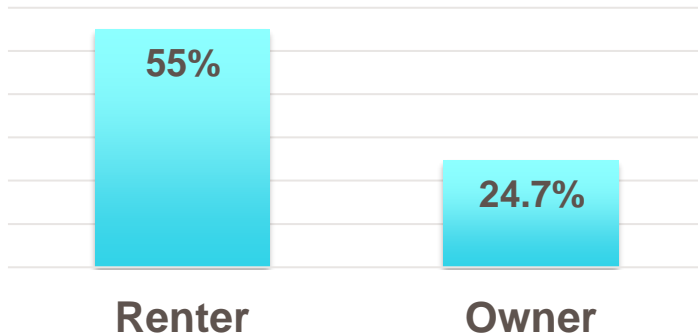
I’m still speaking to people who are still struggling.”



Disability and chronic illness



Lives alone



28.4% households are 65+

Age	Renter	Owner
65-74	15.1%	84.9%
75+	21.1%	78.9%

Benefits of accessible & adaptable homes

- Supports disabled people into work
 - Ensures homes adaptations are easier, cheaper & speedier
 - Relieves pressure on local budgets
 - Accessible homes are sustainable homes
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**What's provision like now &
what about the future?**

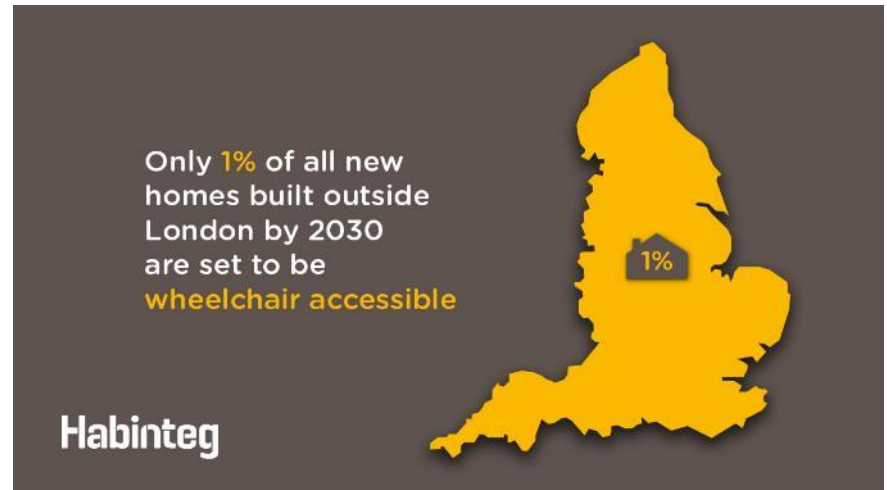
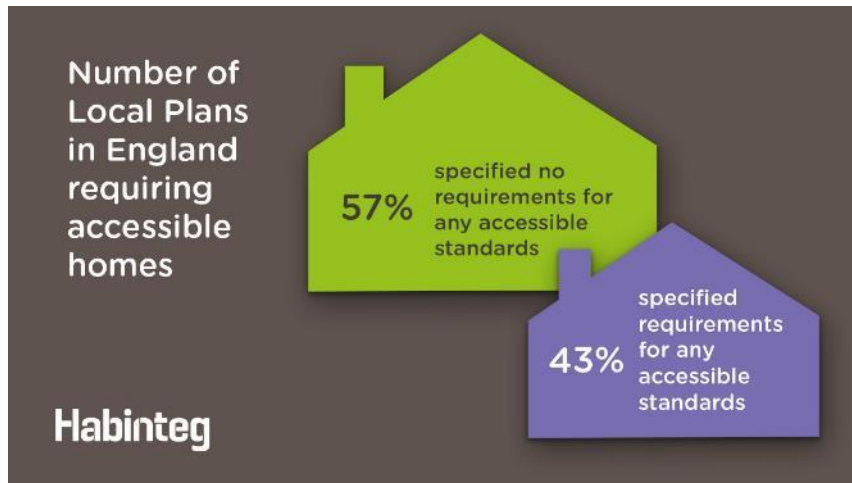
UK's existing stock is inaccessible



Only 9% of English homes have the 4 access features that make them 'visitable'

400,000 wheelchair users in England living in homes neither adapted nor accessible

The future of accessible homes



There is a postcode lottery in the supply of new accessible and adaptable homes

**All new homes should be
accessible & adaptable**

**What has our campaign
involved?**

Launch of #ForAccessibleHomes week

- Annual awareness week in September
 - Support from across the housing sector
 - Disabled celebrities getting involved
 - Sector recognition with two awards
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Bringing together tenants & Ministers



- Tenants meeting Ministers & MPs
 - Several new MPs & Peers recruited as champions
 - Providing evidence at Select Committees
 - Research & campaign quoted in Commons & Lords
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Insight Group: voice of disabled people

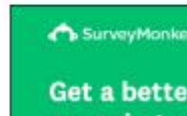
Kerry Thompson
@kerrythompson1980
Twitter user living with muscular dystrophy

THE BLOG

Disabled People Like Me Are Facing An Unseen Housing Crisis

Getting safely in and out of our home is the simplest thing most take for granted, and people with disabilities are living in homes not designed for their needs

21/01/2019 06:00 GMT | Updated 21/01/2019 06:00 GMT



Launch of new research & stats

- Second Insight Report about to launch...
 - You Gov polls incl. impact of lockdown
 - Partnership with EHRC on major inquiry
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Securing media interest in the issue

**INSIDE
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news, views and jobs in social housing

Brokenshire promises to review accessibility rules after damning report

NEWS 18/06/19 1:30 PM BY RHIA

The housing secretary has
promised to provide a
report revealed that just
London will be suitable f



the **guardian**

Why aren't new homes fully accessible for older and disabled people?

David Brindle



Cuts to planning services have helped ensure that only 7% of
England's housing stock is even 'visitable' by a disabled person



▲ Xlathide London, just 7% of homes due to be built by 2010 will be wheelchair-accessible. Photograph: Alamy

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HOME

Housing Made for Everyone

The Coalition



Aims of the coalition



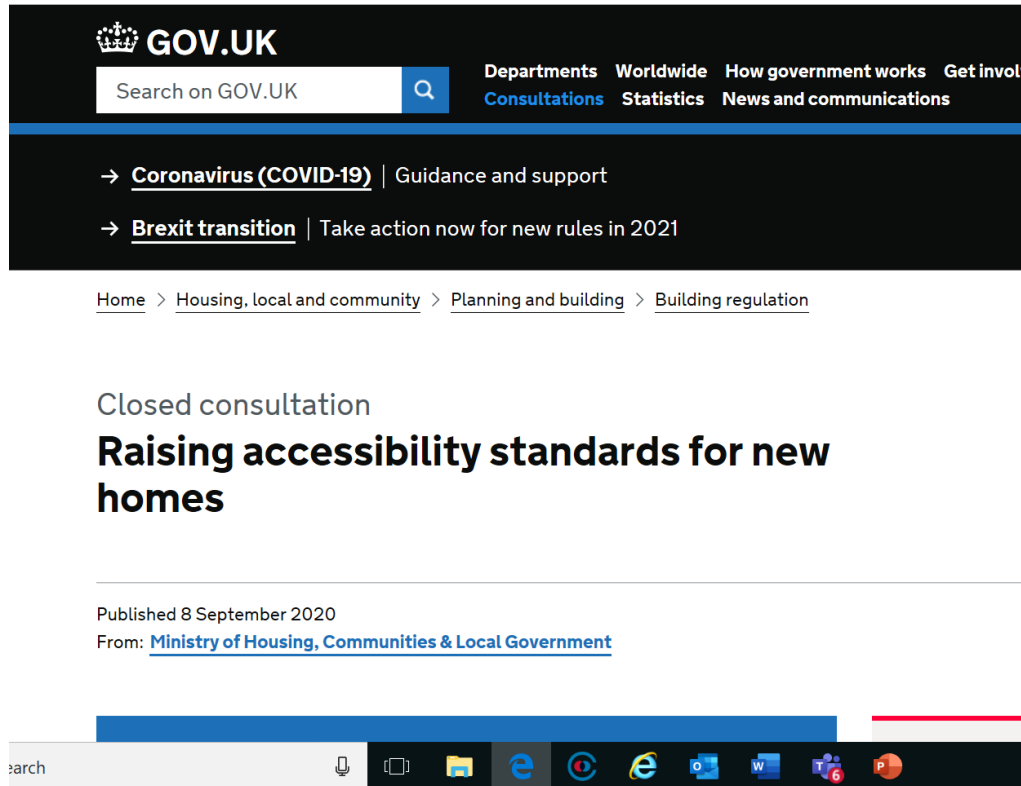
- Make the accessible, adaptable design standard (set out in Building Regulations M4 Category 2) the mandatory baseline for all new homes.
 - Local Authority housing policies that reflect the needs of older and disabled people
 - Commitments from housing developer to provide high quality homes fit for the future
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What's the coalition been doing?

- Raising profile of the issue amongst key stakeholders
 - Helping generate media interest
 - Persuading the home building lobby
 - Tapping into networks to reach more disabled people & supporters
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**Has this work made a
difference?**

Government consultation launched



- Closed on 1st December
- 3 of 5 options include raising mandatory baseline
- Outcome expected in March 2021

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