

Universal (Inclusive) Access Philosophy

At Bespoke Building Design we recommend incorporating inclusive design principles that can provide benefits to everyone using a dwelling, regardless of age or disability. With a little foresight homes can be more adaptable to changing lifestyles and needs.

Statistically, any one of us may suffer from a debilitating injury or illness, if only temporarily, and the prevalence of debilitating conditions steadily increases with age.

Legislation exists for universal access to be incorporated into commercial buildings however, as yet, there is no similar obligation for residential dwellings. As a result, most homes are not designed with the needs of a person with debilitating conditions in mind.

A well designed dwelling to suit universal needs:

- helps people to maintain independence for longer
- incorporates features that are relatively unobtrusive and generally imperceptible to those who don't require the functionality
- limits the inconvenience to a family member or visitor with a disability
- should not affect the cost of design
- should only add minor additional costs to construction of a new home
- can potentially increase the property sale value

Inclusive homes include all