

ACCESSIBILITY BY DESIGN IN GREATER MANCHESTER



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This guide is acceptable guidance for work undertaken in Bolton, Bury, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan.

Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Building Control Managers originally prepared the content, which has now been revised and updated for Greater Manchester District Surveyors Association by Peter Shaw at Oldham Building Control. This guide will assist designers in understanding and applying Part M (Access to and use of buildings) to both new and existing buildings. In particular additional information has been included with respect to Access Statements and toilet design, with a designers checklist included at the end of the guide courtesy of Tameside Building Control. The guide is not intended to be exhaustive and there may be other design solutions that may be acceptable in complying with the Building Regulations.

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