

M4(3) Clearance Zones



Clear Access Zone Requirements

- 1500 dia to front of door entrance area
- 1500 dia to bathroom (potential level access shower ONLY)
- 1200 x 1200 manoeuvring space to both sides of bed (principal double bedroom ONLY)



Sanitary Access Zone

- WC 1350 wide x (1100+WC depth)
- WHB 700 wide x 1100 deep
- Bath 1100 wide x 700 deep
- Shower 1200 wide x 500 deep (1000 wide when in WC/cloakroom)



General Access Zone

- Principal Entrance:
 - Leading edge nib 300 wide x 1800 deep
 - Hinge side nib 150 wide (future caged letter box provision)
 - Following edge nib 200 wide x 1800 deep
 - 200 maximum reveal depth to leading side
- Other External Doors:
 - Leading edge nib 300 wide x 1800 deep
 - Following edge nib 200 wide x 1800 deep
 - 200 maximum reveal depth to leading side
- Internal Doors:
 - Leading edge nib 300 wide
 - Following edge nib 200 wide
- Other
 - Kitchen units 1500 deep
 - Bedrooms 1000 wide to beds

Clear Opening Widths

- All external doors to have 850 minimum clear opening width and accessible threshold.
- External store door where integral with or connected to the dwelling to have 850mm minimum clear opening width.
- All internal doors to have 850 minimum clear opening width.
- Hallway, approach or landing to have 1050 minimum clear opening width (increased to 1200 when approach if not head-on)
- Local obstructions* (150 deep at 2000 max length) must not occur opposite or close (1500 as measured centrally from door) or change in direction (300 either side of corners)
- All bedrooms to provide a 750 minimum clear access route from the doorway to the window.

*Local obstructions e.g. radiator that reduce the minimum clear width.

Strengthened Walls

Denotes 1.5kN/m² min wall load requirement located between 300-1500mm above finished floor level in accordance with M4(3) paragraph 3.36d and AD(M) "Access to and use of Buildings" Frequently Asked Questions - Fixing WC Supports.

- Stud Walls*
 - 11mm OSB3 or 12.5mm Class 2 plywood panels fixed between 63x38 C24 studs via 25x38mm timber battens.
- Masonry Walls
 - 9mm OSB3 or 9mm Class 2 plywood panels fixed between blockwork and plasterboard.

*NOTE: Minimum 63x38mm C24 strength studs required to strengthened walls identified on GA and compliance plans.

Strengthened Ceiling

Ceiling structure to bathrooms and WC/cloakrooms strengthened to allow fitting of an overhead hoist capable of carrying 200Kg load.

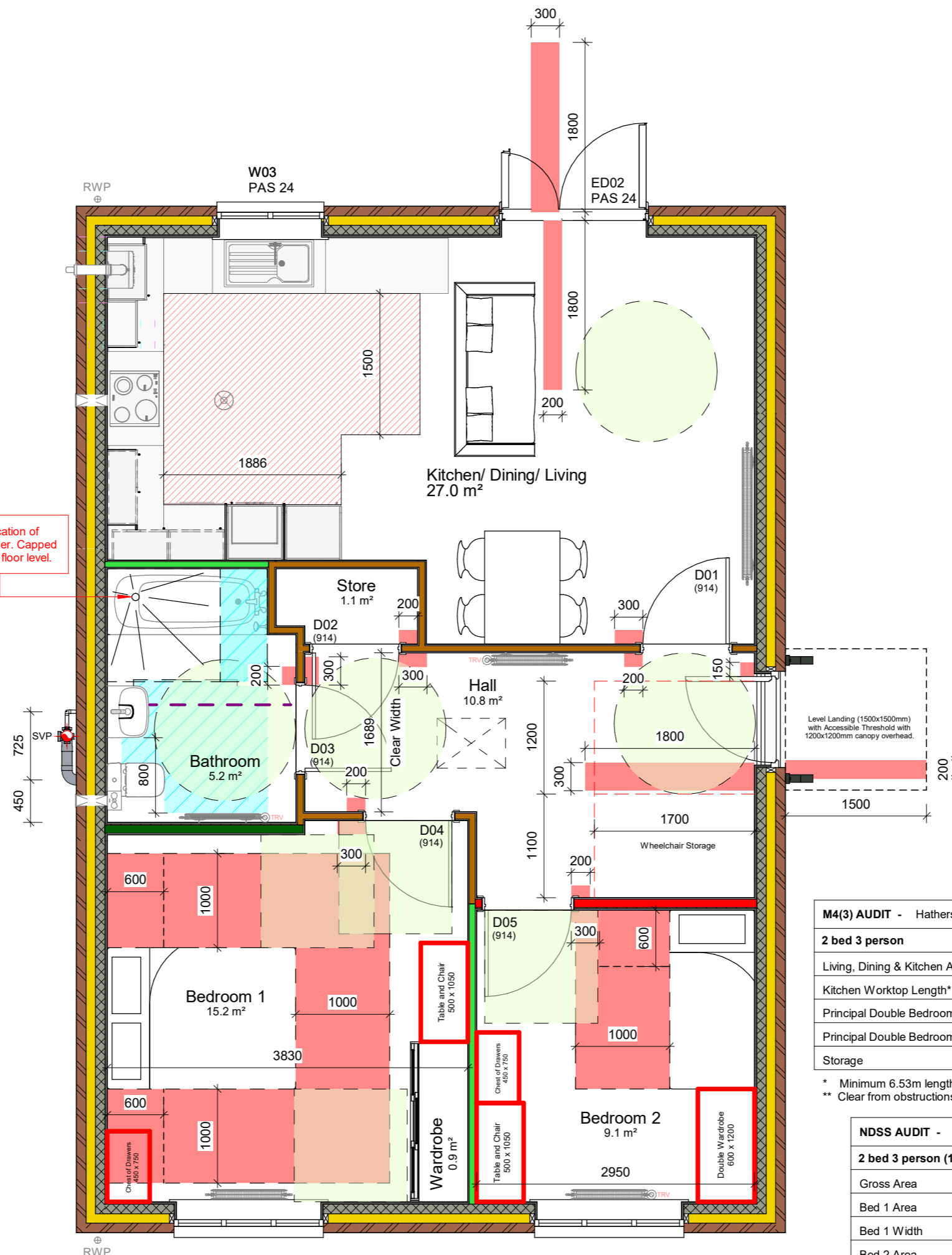
M4(3) Services & Controls

- Consumer units mounted to ensure switches are between 1350 and 1450mm above floor level.
- All switches, sockets, stopcocks and controls centre lines between 700 - 1000mm above floor level and 700mm min (horizontally) from inside corners and not positioned behind appliances.
- Handle to at least one window in the principal living area is located between 700 and 1000mm above floor level.
- Handles to all other windows to be located between 450 and 1200mm above floor level.
- Door handles, locks latches and catches are easy to grip to use and fitted between 850 - 1000mm above floor level.
- Light switches on individual plates unless wide rocker or full plate fittings provided.
- Switches to double socket outlets are located at the outer ends of the plate (rather than centre).
- Suitable provision is made to the principal bedroom to install future bedhead controls comprising 2-way light switch, telephone and broadband socket, TV aerial and power socket outlets, including door entry phone provision e.g. providing blank sockets, conduit and draw wires.
- Main electrical power socket and telephone point provided together in main living space.
- Taps and bathroom controls are suitable for a person with limited grip to operate for single handed operation.
- Boiler time controls and thermostats to be mounted between 900 - 1200mm above finished floor level on the boiler or as separate controls mounted in an accessible location at the same height range.

Note: Radiator controls are exempt.

Ground Floor Compliance Plan

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M4(3) Private Outdoor Spaces

Private / Alternative Entrance Approach Route

- 1500x1500mm step-free level (<1:60 gradient) external landing with accessible threshold clear of any door swing.
- 1200mm min wide step free approach route to external landing (reduced to 1050mm for local obstructions).
- Localised obstructions to be short fixed elements, not more than 150mm deep, max 2m in length and not permitted opposite or close to a doorway or at a change of direction.
- 1500x1500mm level (<1:60 gradient) passing/turning space provided at each end of the approach route and at 10m maximum intervals.
- Approach route to either be level (<1:60 gradient) gently sloping (between 1:60-1:20) or where necessary ramped (gradient between 1:20 - 1:15).
- Approach route to have max 1:40 crossfall.
- All external ramps have min 1200mm long landing to top and bottom of each flight with an intermediate landing provided to any change of direction and clear of any door/gate swing.
- Principal/alternative entrance covered by min 1200mm wide by 1200mm deep canopy.
- All paved areas to have suitable ground surface (e.g. firm, even smooth enough to be wheeled over).
- Fully diffused lighting with dusk to dawn or motion detector provided to private/alternative private entrance.
- External gates along the approach route to have 850mm minimum clear opening width with a 300mm minimum nib to the leading edge and 200mm minimum nib to the following edge.

External Doors to Outside Spaces (Garden, Balcony, Garage)

- 1200mm min wide step free approach route to external landing (reduced to 1050mm for local obstructions).
- Localised obstructions to be short fixed elements, not more than 150mm deep, max 2m in length and not permitted opposite or close to a doorway or at a change of direction.
- Approach route to either be level (<1:60 gradient) gently sloping (between 1:60-1:20) or where necessary ramped (gradient between 1:20 - 1:15).
- Approach route to have max 1:40 crossfall.
- All external ramps have min 1200mm long landing to top and bottom of each flight with an intermediate landing provided to any change of direction and clear of any door/gate swing.
- All paved areas to have suitable ground surface (e.g. firm, even smooth enough to be wheeled over).
- External gates along the approach route to have 850mm minimum clear opening width with a 300mm minimum nib to the leading edge and 200mm minimum nib to the following edge.

Car Parking Space

- Step free access between principal/alternative private entrance and associated parking spaces.
- Where driveway forms all, or part of the approach route, an additional 900mm min width is to be provided.
- Parking space min 2.4m wide x 4.8m long with 1200mm wide clear access zone to one side and to the rear.
- Parking space to be level (<1:60 gradient).
- Parking space to have suitable ground surface (e.g. firm, even smooth enough to be wheeled over).
- Parking space to have 2200mm min headroom.

Private Refuse, Recycling Store or Other External Store

- 1050mm min clear width level (<1:60 gradient) or gently sloping (between 1:60-1:20) path
- Every path terminates with a 1500mm \varnothing minimum clear turning circle free of any door swing.
- Every gate to have 850mm minimum clear opening width with a 300mm minimum nib to the leading edge and 200mm minimum nib to the following edge.
- All paved areas to have suitable ground surface (e.g. firm, even smooth enough to be wheeled over).

This Housetype is compliant with NDSS

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M4(3) AUDIT - Hathersage		
		Min.
Living, Dining & Kitchen Area	27 m ²	27 m ²
Kitchen Worktop Length*	6.82m	4.73m
Principal Double Bedroom Area	15.20 m ²	13.5 m ²
Principal Double Bedroom Width**	3.83m	3.0m
Storage	2 m ²	2 m ²

- * Minimum 6.53m length required for accessible dwelling.
- ** Clear from obstructions (radiators etc).

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		Min.
Gross Area	70.43 m ²	61 m ²
Bed 1 Area	15.20 m ²	11.5 m ²
Bed 1 Width	3.83m	2.75m
Bed 2 Area	9.15 m ²	7.5 m ²
Bed 2 Width	2.95m	2.15m
Storage	2 m ²	2 m ²

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