

Accommodating Wheelchairs, Pushchairs and Disabled People

Wherever possible, entrances to shops should be at pavement level, to allow easy access for people with wheelchairs and pushchairs.

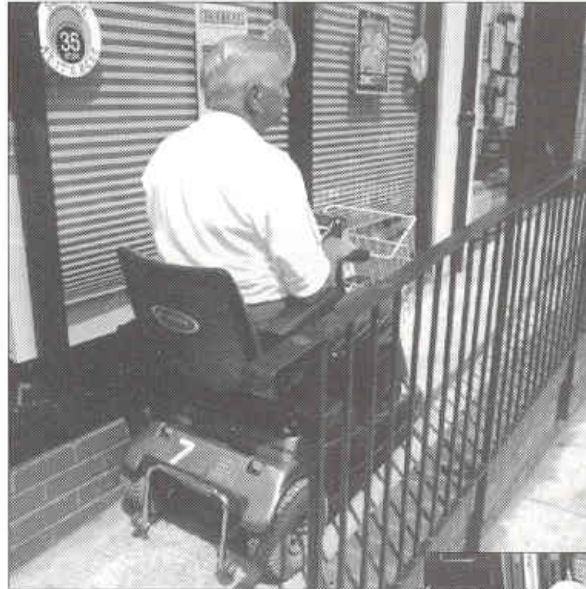
Design proposals for new shopfronts must take account of this, wherever practicable. Widths and safety standards of doors, and the positioning of door handles and letter boxes, must be designed so that they are suitable for use by wheelchair bound or disabled people.

Where access cannot be provided at street level, a ramp is to be provided, if possible, either within an external entrance recess, or within the shop itself. Handrails may also be required.

Where appropriate, encouragement will be given to the alteration of existing shopfronts, to meet the above requirements. However, where the shopfront is a traditional or historic example, it may not be appropriate or possible to allow the necessary modifications.

Where neither level access, nor a ramp can be provided within the area of the shopfront, the possibility of providing access

from another part of the building should be explored, for example at the side or rear of the property.



Tredworth High Street



▲ *A ramp will provide access to shop entrances above street level* ▲