

City Design Group Services

Building For Life

Building for Life is the national standard for well-designed homes and neighbourhoods. Good quality housing design can improve social wellbeing and quality of life. It can reduce crime, improve public health, ease transport problems and increase property values.

Core Strategy Policy BCS21 highlights the role of the standard. It identifies, as a guide, the standard which new development is expected to achieve. Building for Life will demonstrate the delivery of high quality urban design.

Building For Life provides a means of assessing the design quality of new developments. The 20 assessment criteria cover:

- environment and the community character
- streets, parking and pedestrianisation and
- design and construction.

A formal assessment can only be made by an accredited Building for Life assessor. The City Design Group has four CABE-accredited Building For Life assessors.

An annual citywide assessment of eligible developments is undertaken by the City Design Group.

Useful link:

www.buildingforlife.org

Bristol Schemes that have achieved Building for Life Silver Standards in 2010:



1. Ducrow Court, Bristol
Knightstone Housing Association; Leadbetter Construction, gcp Chartered Architects (photo)
2. Christopher Thomas Court, Bristol
Jephson Housing Association; E G Carter; AWW (photo)