Technical Guidance

Profiles for access steps

Question
Are paving slabs with square edges acceptable for steps constructed to comply with the details in Approved Document M (E&W), Technical Handbook - Domestic section 4 (Scotland) and Part R (NI)?

Considerations
- The details show treads with a rounded arris.
- They are intended to show tread profiles that do not present a danger for those using crutches and callipers.

Answer
Paving slabs with square edges are acceptable. They should not project beyond the front of the riser.