

Technical Guidance

View outside main entrance door

Question

When is glazing considered acceptable for providing a view outside the main entrance door?

Considerations

- A clear view of the area immediately outside a main entrance door is required for security purposes to enable a caller to be identified from within the property without having to open the entrance door.
- NHBC Standards clause 6.7-D4(c) refers to four methods of providing an acceptable view outside a main entrance door i.e. door viewer, closed circuit television, glazed door or convenient window.

Answer

Where glazing is used it should be of a suitable size and position to provide a view of a caller standing outside the main entrance door. That view should be achievable from a standing position without having to press one's face against the glass.

The following arrangements are acceptable examples:

- 1) A pane set within the door or in an adjoining side screen/window (see figure 1).
- 2) A convenient window in an adjoining room such as a bay window (see figure 2).

A window set flush within a straight wall, in line with the main entrance door, (see figure 3) is not acceptable.

