



## Industry Checklist

# Landscape Modifications

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This Checklist should be read in conjunction with the HMinfo document **Industry Factsheet Issue 4-A guide to Landscape Modification** and the occasional paper titled **Landscape Modification: an alternative to residential access ramps and lifts**. Both are available on the Evidence Based Review page of the Resource Library at [www.homemods.info](http://www.homemods.info).

### Site analysis

Have you located and assessed all possible entrances in terms of height changes and hardscape?

Have you assessed the topography and slope of the site?

Is there adequate land area to accommodate a 1:20 gradient walkway on site?

Have the ground and soil conditions been assessed?

Has site drainage and water run-off been considered in terms of landscape modifications?

Have you assessed how existing vegetation on site might impact a modification?

Have all council requirements (in terms of vegetation, run-off, construction etc.) been considered?

## Site analysis

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Are selected plantings low maintenance and drought resistant?

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Have you considered inclusive design elements such as raised garden beds or sensory plantings?

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Can you achieve a graded walkway by employing landscape techniques such as bridging/berming or cut and fill?

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Is the entire walkway of a slope 1:20 or less?

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Has crossfall across the width of the walkway been minimised?

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Is the walkway width a minimum of 1000mm?

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Has the walkway been checked for all obstructions (e.g. plants, overhanging lights, mounted air conditioners, fuse boxes, or awning windows that open out into circulation space)?

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Have you considered appropriate walkway surfaces?

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Are you able to avoid the introduction of foreign soils?

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For any stairs being installed, have you considered best-practise stair design including handrails?

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Has your design considered vehicle access and parking location relating to the entrance of the home?

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Has shelter from weather been considered for the approach to any accessible entrance?

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Is there adequate area for rest and manoeuvrability at the entrance?

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