

Choosing the Right **HOME**



- | **Location**
- | **Affordability**
- | **Suitability**





Location, Location, Location

There are many factors affecting your choice of home but location is always the number one consideration.



Familiarity – A known area, lived in, brought up in or one with fond memories.



Accessibility – Family and friends nearby, or convenience for work or school.



Facilities - Is it handy for shops, restaurants, parks, open spaces or other sports or leisure facilities?

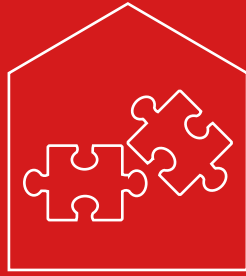


Noise – Is it close to a motorway or airport?



Affordability

Once the location is decided upon, affordability of the rent or mortgage is generally the next consideration. As a rule of thumb, traditional mortgage lending principles allowed borrowing up to three times your gross annual income. You may be able to borrow more but there's no point buying or renting the house of your dreams if it's going to turn into a financial nightmare, but remember; having worked out what you can afford – are there any costs to moving into or furnishing the property?



Suitability

Suitability (Lifestyle) = Feel, Looks, Wants and Needs, Size, number of bedrooms, storage space, layout, today, tomorrow and thereafter.

Once these two factors are decided in choosing the right home we are all different in what we want or need, our lifestyle, how it looks... overall how it feels, and will it meet future changes and long term needs such as a growing family.



Room to grow



Pushchair



Space for family



Storage areas



Layout and usage



Future needs wheelchair access.



Security (doors and windows, smoke alarms)