



KEY ISSUES

Identifying the most appropriate approach for quantifying the utility that local public transport networks provide in getting people to places to which they need, or want, to travel, with a particular emphasis on the needs of socially excluded and 'travel poor' groups and communities.

Recommended that an incremental approach is taken to model development. As the local and national requirements for accessibility planning evolve, the development of the analytical processes should parallel this.

ABOUT DHC

Derek Halden Consultancy staff and associates have leading expertise in transport planning, community development, psychology, transport and accessibility modelling, social inclusion, marketing, environmental assessment, and economic development.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK COVERAGE IN GREATER MANCHESTER

DHC was commissioned by GMPTA and the Department for Transport to identify the most appropriate approach for quantifying the utility that local public transport networks provide in getting people to places to which they need, or want, to travel, with a particular emphasis on the needs of socially excluded and 'travel poor' groups and communities.



A conceptual framework for the analysis approach is summarised in the flow chart below.

The results of this work were used to inform the developing thinking on modelling needs for accessibility planning. Models should assist thinking about accessibility, not replace thinking. The user interface should therefore: help users specify the calculations, support the data import and management, check and validate the data, calculate the indicators and assist with reporting, mapping and analysis of results.

