



KEY ISSUES

Developing a new approach to appraisal.

Accessibility as key aspect of many STAG criteria.

DHC contributing to major Scottish guidance

ABOUT DHC

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SCOTTISH TRANSPORT APPRAISAL GUIDANCE - DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION

Taking a broadly based approach to appraisal for new transport proposals is a key aim of the Scottish Executive. A particular challenge for transport planners was how to take account of accessibility and social inclusion issues clearly. Accessibility is an important part of several STAG criteria: economy, integration, and accessibility. It is important that appraisal findings are reported clearly to support good investment decisions.



DHC contributed to the drafting of the guidance and supported the Scottish Executive for a series of regional seminars to promote the new guidance and explain the concepts. Key messages from the DHC team were that it is important to consider both:

- absolute levels of accessibility change and
- the distribution of changes by people group, business sector and area.

Economic impacts include transport economic efficiency to consider expressed accessibility, and the distribution of these effects through the economic and location impacts measure.

Community impacts include public transport, walking and cycling network coverage to be considered in relation or opportunities for access to work, education and training, health, and shopping.

By comparing the distribution of accessibility impacts by people group, particularly socially excluded groups relative to the population as a whole, and ensuring that the distribution of transport investment reflects policy aims for regeneration, rural development and social inclusion.

Analysis using transport and accessibility models is important to understand many of the effects but models only provide a partial picture. Effective consultation with communities and joint working between relevant agencies are important parts of the new STAG process.