

# ***DfT National Core Accessibility Indicators - Progress and Options Seminar***

***29 May 2008 - Great Minster House, London***

***The national core accessibility indicators are helping to make connections with integrated planning of access to services.***

***Accessibility is now being monitored as part of cross sectoral Local Area Agreements. There is therefore a growing need to improve the quality and availability of the indicators. This seminar will review the current indicators and discuss options for improvements.***

Understanding who has access to public services is an important input to the national policy for all national government departments. Accessible services help to strengthen the economy, deliver an inclusive society and reduce the distance people need to travel.



DfT takes the lead role amongst national government departments for accessibility planning, but high quality evidence on accessibility change is important in the policy and planning processes across the remit of government, and in both national and local contexts.

Accessibility analysis techniques are evolving. These indicators show some of the opportunities available to different groups of people and in each geographical area. As the quality and availability of data and analysis improves, the opportunities to look at accessibility in new ways are evolving locally and nationally.

In May 2008 the latest set of core indicators will be published and this seminar will help:

- Local authorities to understand how the core indicators are being calculated and what they are being used for.
- Other accessibility planning stakeholders in national, regional and local government to debate how existing data can be better used to inform policy and funding decisions.
- Policy makers and planners to identify how economic, social and environmental benefits can be secured through plans and funding decisions, based on quantitative accessibility measures.
- National and local analysts and modellers to understand how evidence on accessibility is used within policy development.

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It is expected that the seminar will, be of interest to:

- Land use and transport planners in local authorities and passenger transport executives.
- National government departments with interests in access to work, learning, health, and other opportunities.
- Community planning partners in local areas.
- Regional transport and planning authorities.
- Consultants assisting public authorities.

## **Seminar Programme**

*10:30-11am - Registration and Coffee*

### **Where are we now?**

*11am - Richard Campbell, DfT  
Introduction to the National Core Indicators.*

*11:10 - Derek Halden, DfC  
Overview of the lessons learned on core indicators project to date*

*11:40 - Eleanor Druker and Iain Willis, Legal Services Commission  
The challenges of ensuring equitable access to legal advice.*

*12:00 - Martin Bowman, South Yorkshire PTE  
PTEG views of useful accessibility indicators for transport authorities.*

*12:20 Discussion*

*12:40 - Lunch*

### **Making the Improvements**

*13:20 - Duncan Hill, Dotted Eyes  
Data assembly, quality control, and making information available*

*13:35 - Mike Hilton, THALES and Peter Miller ITO  
The National Public Transport Data Repository - Challenges in delivering usable public transport data for accessibility analysis.*

*13:55 - Bruce Ramsay, Automatica  
Making accessibility analysis easier*

*14:15 - Panel Session/workshop  
Towards the future*

*15:15 - Richard Campbell DfT  
Summary and Conclusion*

*15:30 - Close*

**For Further information see: <http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/statistics/datatablespublications/ltf/coreaccessindicators2005>**