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WHAT IS THIS DOCUMENT?

This strategy sets out how Nottinghamshire County Council and its partners will address accessibility challenges in the North Nottinghamshire Local Transport Plan (LTP) area over a five-year period between 2006/7-2010/11.

In the initial parts of the document, the policy context for this work is explained, as well as how considerations of accessibility underlie the whole LTP, which the Accessibility Strategy accompanies.

The agreed vision and objectives for improving accessibility are outlined, followed by a discussion of the partnership working arrangements which have been developed to inform and progress the strategy.

These partnerships have identified the diverse problems related to accessibility in the plan area, which have been verified by data analysis and illustrated where possible through maps produced using Department for Transport's 'Accession' software.

Action programmes for tackling accessibility problems, showing which organisations will be responsible for progressing related tasks, are detailed in a later chapter. Finally, the document explains how the partnership will measure the improvements to accessibility brought about by this strategy.

In their December 2004 'Guidance on Accessibility Planning in Local Transport Plans', Department for Transport (DfT) outlined 10 requirements for good accessibility strategies. The table below explains how this strategy complies with the guidance.

Req no	DfT requirement	Chapter no(s) and title(s)
1	High-level accessibility vision and objectives, including the approach to be adopted and the priority to be placed on accessibility issues within the LTP area.	1. Introduction 2. Vision and objectives
2	A description of how accessibility objectives link with, and are integrated within the Authority's wider vision and objectives (e.g. for economic development and jobs, housing, health, education and social inclusion).	2. Vision and objectives 4. Policy context
3	A description of the accessibility implications of wider transport strategies and policies adopted in the LTP.	4. Policy context
4	A description of the intended use of the accessibility analysis on the Authority's wider transport strategies and policies, e.g. incorporation of accessibility considerations in: criteria and performance monitoring for tendered bus services, use of Rural Bus Subsidy Grant, and prioritisation of resources; and appraisal and assessment of the accessibility implications of transport projects and schemes, e.g. walking and cycling schemes, mobility schemes, major schemes.	4. Policy context 6. Accessibility needs and challenges
5	An improved analytical and evidence base: including an initial strategic level assessment of current accessibility levels (by public transport, foot and cycle) in the LTP area, utilising available	5. Area overview 6. Accessibility needs and challenges

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	deprivation, socio-demographic, socio-economic, accessibility and other locally appropriate indicators in order to identify the likely accessibility challenges and opportunities.	Annex B. DfT core indicators
6	A prioritisation of the identified problems, together with an explanation of why specific issue, groups, areas or destinations have been prioritised.	3. Partnerships and consultation 5. Area overview 6. Accessibility needs and challenges 7. Priorities and action programme Annex B. DfT core indicators
7	A phased programme for improving accessibility, i.e. setting out the timeframe for tackling the identified priorities over the remaining LTP period.	7. Priorities and action programme
8	Evidence that partners have helped to develop the strategy and that specific partnerships have been put in place to assess, and develop solutions to, the identified priorities.	3. Partnerships and consultation Annex A. Partner statements
9	Identification of local accessibility indicators and targets for measuring and monitoring accessibility to support the objectives of improved accessibility a) overall, and b) particularly for those most in need, and an explanation of how these have been derived.	8. Monitoring Annex B. DfT core indicators Annex C. Technical data
10	More in-depth local accessibility assessments around an authority's priorities, together with an outline of initial local accessibility action plans worked up for these priorities, jointly with partners.	3. Partnerships and consultation 6. Accessibility needs and challenges 7. Priorities and action programme Annex A. Partner statements Annex B. DfT core indicators Annex C. Technical data