
Secretariat memorandum

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Step-free stations in London

1 Purpose of report

1.1 To provide members with a briefing on progress towards a step free rail network.

2 Recommendations

2.1 That members note the report.

3 Introduction

3.1 The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Part 3) referred specifically to access to goods, services and facilities. It is a civil rights provision and the duties which it places on service providers were introduced incrementally in three stages between 1996 and 2004.

3.2 Transport providers in the UK were aware that this legislation was due and acted in advance of it by building stations on the Jubilee Line, the Docklands Light Railway and Croydon Tramlink with a step-free route to the platforms.

3.3 In current practice, any new transport infrastructure ensures that accessibility is integrated into the design. However, most stations in London predate concerns about step free access and need retrospective works to provide a step free route.

3.4 London TravelWatch has been consulted by Transport for London and Network Rail regarding the various programmes to improve step-free access in London. This paper summarises the two main programmes.

4 Railways for All

4.1 Railways for All is the Department for Transport's (DfT) accessibility strategy for the National Rail network. It was launched in 2006 and runs until 2015. It provides

£35 million per year to provide a step free route for the busiest stations and a further £7million per year for local initiatives.

- 4.2 The criteria used for selecting stations for the main fund for the first three years was to choose the busiest stations, weighted by some measure of the number of people declaring themselves as disabled. There was some regard to create an accessible network and so neighbouring stations serving the same catchment were excluded. A steering group selected further stations to be included in the programme post-2009. The London stations are listed in Annex A.
- 4.3 The small schemes fund is disbursed annually against bids from local authorities, train operating companies etc.

5 London Underground's step-free access programme

- 5.1 London Underground has previously had a budget for spending on step-free access to their stations and is on course to meet its target of 25% step-free stations by 2010. Beyond this, step-free access schemes at a further ten stations are planned to be completed in the period 2009-18. These ten are to be delivered as part of other station schemes, for example the Crossrail and Thameslink projects.
- 5.2 In November 2008 a number of schemes that were part of the former Mayor's aspiration of providing step free access at 33 per cent of LU stations by 2013, but for which funding had never been in place, were deferred indefinitely. Three others (* below) are expected to go ahead but will not be completed until after the period of the current Business Plan.
- 5.3 In Annex B a list provided to us by London Underground showing the status of all their stations in the step free access program

6 Equalities and inclusion implications

- 6.1 This is clearly an equalities issue. Many stations in London are inaccessible to those that cannot use steps.

7 Legal powers

- 7.1 Section 248 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 places upon London TravelWatch (as the London Transport Users Committee) a duty to consider - and where it appears to the Committee to be desirable, to make recommendations with respect to - any matter affecting the functions of the Greater London Authority or Transport for London which relate to transport (other than of freight). Section 252A of the same Act (as amended by Schedule 6 of the Railways Act 2005) places a similar

duty upon the Committee to keep under review matters affecting the interests of the public in relation to railway passenger and station services provided wholly or partly within the London railway area, and to make representations about them to such persons as it thinks appropriate.

8 Financial implications

8.1 None

Annex A

Railways for All

2006 - 2009

Balham
Blackheath
Clapham junction
Denmark Hill
Earlsfield
Herne Hill
Kew Gardens
Kingston
Lewisham
Orpington
Oxted
Purley
Putney
Streatham Hill

2009 - 2011

Dorking
Finsbury Park
Forest Hill
Grove Park
Highbury and Islington
Horley
New Cross
New Cross Gate
Norwood Junction
Staines
Streatham Common
Thornton Heath
Tulse Hill
Twickenham
Vauxhall
West Byfleet

2012 - 2015

Elstree & Borehamwood
Brockley
Bromley South
Camden Road
Gospel Oak
Hatfield
Hemel Hempstead
Honor Oak Park
Ilford
Limehouse
New Eltham
New Malden
Swanley
Tilbury Town
Tottenham Hale
Walthamstow Central
West Hampstead Thameslink
Worcester Park

Annex B

London Underground step free access programme July 2009

Existing step-free stations :

1 Acton Town (completed in October 2008)	20 Hammersmith (District)	39 Roding Valley (completed in January 2009)
2 Barking	21 Hammersmith (H&C)	40 Southwark
3 Bermondsey	22 Harrow & Wealdstone	41 Stanmore
4 Brixton	23 Heathrow T123	42 Stratford
5 Caledonian Rd	24 Heathrow T4	43 Sudbury Town
6 Canada Water	25 Heathrow T5	44 Tottenham Hale
7 Canary Wharf	26 Hendon Central (completed in May 2008)	45 Upminster
8 Canning Town	27 Hillingdon	46 Upney
9 Chalfont & Latimer	28 Hounslow East	47 Uxbridge
10 Chesham	29 Hounslow West	48 Wembley Park
11 Chorleywood	30 Kensington Olympia	49 West Finchley
12 Dagenham Heathway	31 Kew Gardens	50 West Ham
13 Earls Court	32 Kilburn	51 Westminster
14 East Ham	33 London Bridge	52 Willesden Junction
15 Elm Park	34 Morden	53 Wimbledon
16 Epping	35 North Greenwich	54 Woodford
17 Finchley Central (completed in June 2008)	36 Oakwood (completed in May 2008)	55 Wood Lane (completed in October 2008)
18 Fulham Broadway	37 Pinner (completed in July 2008)	56 Woodside Park
19 Golders Green (completed in February 2009)	38 Richmond	

Step-free in one direction :

1 Barkingside (Platform 1 EB)	6 Rickmansworth (Platform 2 SB)
2 Borough (Platform 1 NB)	7 Ruislip (Platform 2 EB, Metropolitan & Piccadilly lines)
3 Debden (Platform 1 NB)	8 South Woodford (Platform 2 EB)
4 Liverpool Street (Platform 1, EB Circle, Metropolitan and H&C lines)	9 Theydon Bois (EB platform 2)
5 Paddington (Platform 2, EB Circle and District lines)	10 West Brompton (Platform 2 EB)

2010 Step-free schemes committed under the PPP Contracts :

1 Edgware	2 High Barnet
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2010 Former Metronet step-free schemes now being completed by LU :

1 Hainault	2 Ladbrooke Grove
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Annex B

2010 Step-free schemes committed under the Tube Investment Programme :

1 Amersham	5 Newbury Park
2 Greenford	6 Osterley
3 King's Cross St Pancras	7 Southfields (Olympic Deliverable)
4 Kingsbury	8 West Kensington

Step-free schemes committed beyond 2010 :

1 Green Park (Olympic Deliverable)	6 Barbican (Crossrail)
2 Blackfriars	7 Victoria
3 Farringdon	8 Whitechapel (Crossrail)
4 Paddington H&C	9 Bank
5 Tottenham Court Road	10 Bond Street

Partial step-free schemes (one direction) committed beyond 2010 :

1 Archway	13 Paddington (District/Circle/Bakerloo)
2 Baker Street	14 Queensway
3 Clapham South	15 Rayners Lane
4 East Putney	16 Shepherd's Bush
5 Euston Square	17 South Kensington
6 Finsbury Park*	18 Stockwell
7 Harrow-on-the-Hill	19 Tooting Broadway
8 Highbury & Islington*	20 Tower Hill
9 Kennington	21 Turnham Green
10 Leyton	22 Vauxhall*
11 Liverpool Street	23 Waterloo
12 North Acton	24 Wood Green

(* Expected to go ahead, but will not be completed until after the period of the current Business Plan)

EB – East Bound
SB – South Bound
NB – North Bound