

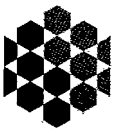
# Accessible Transport Strategy Draft Action Plan 2009-2012

## Consultation Response Questionnaire

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## **Consultation Response Questionnaire**

Please use this form when responding to the questions on the Accessible Transport Strategy draft Action Plan 2009-2012.

We are seeking your comments and thoughts regarding your views on the ATS draft Action Plan 2009-2012. When making comments, you may continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

The consultation closes on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

Please return the completed questionnaire to the below address:

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We would welcome any comments you may have on the content of the draft action plan. According to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) all information contained in your response may be subject to publication or disclosure. More information on this is contained within Annex A of this document.

Personal Information

To assist us in the collation and analysis of responses, please provide us with the following information, using block capitals:

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**Question 1**

Since the launch of the Accessible Transport Strategy in 2005 do you think the accessibility of the transport system for disabled people and older people has improved?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>

**Question 2**

Can you say why?
Physical improvements to transport stock
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**Question 3**

Has the improvement in the accessibility of public transport (i.e. accessible buses, trains, Door-2-Door services etc) increased the travel opportunities for disabled people and older people?

Yes

No

**Question 4**

Can you say why?

Not personally

**Question 5**

What are the remaining barriers to making public transport accessible for disabled people and older people?

Issues of the availability of information  
and the issue around "joined up"  
travel by public transport.

**Question 6**

How can these barriers be overcome?

CAN'T COMMENT.

**Question 7**

The new ATS draft Action Plan includes new actions to improve the accessibility of transport, do you agree with them?

YES

**Question 8**

Are there any actions which have not been included within the draft Action Plan that you would like to see included?

No

## Annex A

### Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Confidentiality of Consultations

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