

Purpose of Document: Concessionary Travel Policy

The Freedom Pass and Blue Badge Parking schemes are derived from statute where categories of disability and related eligibility criteria are defined by the Transport Act 2000 and other Government guidance. Entitlement to a Freedom Pass is defined in the Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007. Taxicard is not founded in law and the related discretionary eligibility criteria are determined solely by the Council in conjunction with London Councils and the Mayor.

The above criteria are a combination of automatic criteria and criteria requiring further assessment. This Eligibility Policy Statement has been formulated in order to ensure consistency and clarity in the decision-making process for Disabled Person's Freedom Pass, Blue Badge and Taxicard applications. It comprises a detailed description of the eligibility criteria that the London Borough of Enfield will apply in determining applications.

In all cases, applicants must provide evidence that their disabilities or medical conditions are such that they meet the stringent eligibility criteria for each of the concessionary travel services offered by the borough.

The Eligibility Policy Statement acts as a point of reference, setting out the detailed interpretation of national and regional guidance, as being applied to concessionary travel in Enfield. The primary function of the Statement is twofold: -

to assist Councillors and council officers in delivering a consistent, transparent and fair service

to inform an applicant and/or their representative about the detailed policy in place that is used to determine their application

The borough uses a comprehensive step-by-step approach to determining eligibility. A summary of the D-tas Assessment Model, as used by the borough for all applications where the eligibility criteria are non-automatic, is included in Appendix A.

This Policy Statement is intended to be a 'live' document and should be periodically reviewed and updated in order to reflect any changes in eligibility criteria recommended by the Department for Transport or, in the light of further experience, to take into account any local circumstances.