

22.09 ACCESS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE POLICY

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This policy applies to the development of all land in the City of Manningham.

22.09-1 Policy basis

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This policy is based on the following principles in accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act:

- People with a disability have the same fundamental rights as all members of the Manningham community.
- The needs of people with a disability may change across their life span.
- Changes to the physical and social environment which create access and equity are the key to inclusion of people with a disability in the community.

The Municipal Strategic Statement recognises the importance of implementing strategies to ensure that people with a disability have the same level of access to buildings, services and facilities as any other person.

22.09-2 Objectives

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The objectives of this policy are:

- To facilitate the integration of people with a disability into the community.
- To ensure that people with a disability have the same level of access to buildings, services and facilities as any other person.

22.09-3 Policy

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It is policy that:

- Needs of people with a disability are taken into account in the design of all proposed developments.
- All appropriate planning applications be referred to Council's Disability Advisory Committee for comment to ensure that the needs of people with a disability are best taken into account.
- Appropriate planning permit or approval conditions and guidelines be applied where building regulations do not adequately address the needs of people with a disability.

22.09-4 Decision guidelines

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In assessing an application the responsible authority will consider:

- Whether the design and layout provides convenient and safe access for people with disabilities.
- The views of the Disability Advisory Committee.