



STATEMENT PRINCIPLE ON TRANSPORT AND ACCESSIBILITY

ACT believes:

- People should not be disadvantaged by where they live.
- Planning for the future includes finding ways to support access to the services people need.
- Access to essential services is a priority concern for our rural communities.
- Mobility is a service; it needs to be provided in an accessible and equitable way.
- Communities can provide many solutions to getting around in their community and to other places.
- Publicly accessible, affordable transport and a basic public transport service are requirements for rural living if we are to have thriving, sustainable communities.
- Private car use is part of the problem and can be part of the solution.

ACT supports communities to take action through:

- Working together in their locality to develop sustainable transport options.
- Thinking through projects to reduce the need to travel.
- Considering communal travel within communities and for longer journeys.
- Making their case to the authorities to gain support for local initiatives and changes in policy.

ACT will champion locally-led action to address access to services issues and we will work with strategic partners to influence and affect policy.

- We will help communities use their local knowledge to find their best ways to support local people to access the services they need.
- We will help communities develop community transport initiatives.
- Where possible links will be made with the wider transport network.
- We will encourage communities to access the professional and peer support they need as they develop their ideas.
- We will hold partners to account and continue to advocate on behalf of communities so that local actions have greatest impact.

ACT as an organisation will continue to work towards improved local access by:

- Promoting understanding of the complex challenges of delivering face to face services in sparsely populated communities, while advocating for people not to be disadvantaged by where they live.
- Sharing best practice for travel and transport initiatives with other communities, partners and organisations.
- Encouraging and supporting local services to actively align with local transport options to facilitate their use as means of getting to and from the services people need.
- Supporting community spaces to provide facilities to encourage people to use local and greener options where possible.
- Using online meeting facilities to engage with communities and partners.
- Asking people to share lifts to any face-to-face events we run.

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