

Introduction

Rights of disabled people were put firmly on the agenda with the introduction of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. Improving access to the built environment is, more often than not, a prerequisite to providing equal opportunities in employment and the provision of services. This cannot be tackled through civil rights legislation alone. For this reason there have been fundamental changes in laws and regulations relating to access to buildings. Islington Council has a key role to play in implementing these, through its statutory planning, building control and licensing functions and as a highways authority.

The aim of this leaflet is to outline the most recent changes; what Islington Council's Environment and Regeneration Department is doing to meet the challenge, and where to go for further information.



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