



Triple Access Planning – a fairy-tale new beginning?

Once upon a time there was a paradigm called ‘predict and provide’. It was where transport planning lived and where forecasts of most likely futures reigned and dictated how people invested in transport, particularly in roads for cars. Then the world started to change and some started to say we had ‘had too much of a good thing’. Concern grew about the environmental costs of this approach. In fact people were growing very concerned.

Added to this had been the emergence of digital connectivity which seemed to be profoundly changing how people were living their lives.

Where was all this heading? People didn’t know, they scratched their heads with a deep sense of uncertainty. Then a new paradigm called ‘decide and provide’ was found. This is where Triple Access Planning lives.

The strange notion of being vision-led rather than forecast led was a preoccupation there. And it was said it was possible for Triple Access Planning to help cope both with uncertainty and climate change and yet still allow people to prosper. Is this all a fairy tale or might the real world of transport planning be set to undergo important change?

This presentation from Professor Glenn Lyons will introduce Triple Access Planning and the handbook for practitioners which was published in March 2024 (<https://uwe-repository.worktribe.com/output/11751967/>).

