Pros & Cons for rear access WAV's

Pros:

Allows a fare sat in a wheel chair to be loaded directly into a hackney carriage facing forwards with no requirement to manoeuvre within the cab of the vehicle.

Rear loading wheelchair accessible vehicles are widely available for approximately the same cost of a standard saloon car.

It is easier to load wheelchairs into rear loading vehicles

It is easier to safely restrain passengers in rear loading vehicles

Wheelchair passengers can face forward when travelling

Cons:

For hails at the road side by a wheel chair user it will necessitate the wheelchair going onto the road at the rear of the hackney carriage to board it.

This increases the risk to the fare of being struck by passing traffic.

For hails at a rank the hackney carriages behind will have to leave a large enough gap between vehicles to facilitate the loading of a wheel chair from the rear. This is likely to reduce the number of hackney carriages able to fit onto a rank adding to the problem of over subscribed ranks.