

**PLANNING AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT**  
**ASSESSMENT OF WALKING ROUTE**

Route To Be Assessed	<p>Gleniffer High School: Neilston Road Area and Falside/Carriagehill Area to Gleniffer High School, Paisley.</p> <p>See separate sheet for detailed assessment.</p>	
Map attached	Yes	
Date Assessment is Required By	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2010	
Is the Route Adopted by the Council?	Part	
If Part of the route is adopted, please indicate which part(s)	<p>All Roads and Footways are adopted except the:</p> <p>Both footway and carriageway on Sunnyside Road.</p> <p>Carriagehill Drive – Western footway from its junction with Braids Road to its junction with Brodie Park Avenue</p> <p>Braids Road – Northern/Western footway from its junction with Carriagehill Drive to the southern property line of number 1 Sunnyside Road.</p> <p>Park Road – Western footway from opposite Sunnyside Road to the junction between Park Road, Falside Road and Stanely Drive.</p> <p>Falside Road – Northern Footway between Braids Road and Park Road</p>	
Who is Responsible for Maintaining the Route?	<p>Renfrewshire Council</p> <p>Department for Planning &amp; Transport and Private Residents</p>	
Is the Entire Route Lit?	Yes	
Does the Route Meet the Criteria?	Yes	

Additional Comments

Issues raised in the detailed assessment have been passed to the relevant section of the Department for action.

# Detailed Walking Route for Gleniffer High School to Neilston Road Area and Falside/Carriagehill Area

## **Introduction**

Richard Hernan, Transport Planner, walked the route given by the Council's Education & Leisure Services from Neilston Road Area and Falside/Carriagehill to Gleniffer High School, Paisley. This took place on 23 February 2010, 08.00am - 9.45 am. A further site visit took place on 19 March 2010.

## **Route**

The route assessed originates from two locations intersecting at the junction between Park Road and Donaldswood Road;

- From Neilston Road along its eastern footway, from its junction with Espedair Street to its junction with Lochfield Road. Cross Neilston Road to the west side north of Lochfield Road via a signalised controlled junction with pedestrian facilities. Thereafter continue along the western footway of Neilston Road and into the northern footway of Falside Road. Continue along Falside Road westwards along the northern footway and then along the western footway of Park Road to the junction between Park Road, Fairway Avenue and Donaldswood Road. Walk west along the northern footway of Donaldswood Road and cross Donaldswood Road to the South near Gleniffer Road.
- From Mary Street along its western footway and then briefly along the northern footway of Braids Road, then cross onto its southern footway, as there is no footway provision on its northern side. Thereafter cross Braids Road onto the southern footway along Sunnyside Road. From western most extent of Sunnyside Road cross over to the western footway of Park Road to its junction with Donaldswood Road, thereafter walk along the northern footway of Donaldswood Road and cross onto the southern footway of Donaldswood Road east of the junction between Donaldswood Road and Gleniffer Road.

One route exists from the Donaldswood Road/Gleniffer Road junction to Gleniffer High School;

Follow the eastern footway of Gleniffer Road briefly and then cross over Gleniffer Road onto its western footway at a point south of Donaldswood Road with pedestrian refuge facilities. Continue to walk along the western footway of Gleniffer Road and then onto the northern footway of Foxbar Road. From Foxbar Road turn north and walk along the eastern kerbline of Amochrie Road to the school gates.

## **Observations**

1. Pedestrians crossing from the northern to the southern footway of Rowan Street have poor visibility to southbound traffic on Neilston Road. It is therefore recommended pedestrians walk into Rowan Street and cross at a narrower point. There is a School Crossing Patrol present on Rowan Street, therefore it is recommended pedestrians use this facility when present on the road.
2. The footway along Sunnyside Road is poorly surfaced with a number of potential trip hazards. Including kerbstones, which delineate driveway accesses with the pedestrian footway, are at a higher level than the footway level. Likewise the footpath link between Sunnyside Road and Park Road is very poorly surfaced with a number of potential trip hazards. (see item 5)

3. Pedestrians crossing Park Road from Sunnyside Road have very poor visibility to northbound traffic on Park Road due to a boundary wall. (see item 5)
4. The footway along Park Road is in a poor level of repair and has overgrown vegetation which reduces the effective footway width significantly. (see item 5)
5. As a result of points 2, 3 and 4 it is recommended that pupils should use an alternative route along Braids Road to its junction with Falside Road and follow along the eastern footway of Braids Road and then cross onto the western footway north of Braids Circle. They follow the northern footway of Falside Road to its junction with Park Road. This will bypass the poorly surfaced roads of Park Road and Sunnyside Road.
6. Pupils originating from the northern side of Donaldswood Road walk along the northern footway to the crossing point east of the Gleniffer Road/Donaldswood Road junction. Pupils originating south of Donaldswood Road should walk along the southern footway to its junction with Gleniffer Road
7. Wide crossing-point at the junction of Braehead Road/Donaldswood Road. It is recommended pedestrians go to a narrower crossing point at Braehead Road.
8. The northern footway along Foxbar Road, between Gleniffer Road and Stravaig Walk, is narrowed by overgrown vegetation, this should be cut back to maximise the full footway width. This issue has been passed to the Maintenance Section of the Department for action.

## **Conclusion**

The original routes identified by Education and Leisure Services, including the observations above, are considered to be safe walking routes.