

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT
ASSESSMENT OF WALKING ROUTE

Route To Be Assessed	Houston Area to Gryffe High School, Houston. See separate sheet for detailed assessment.		
Map attached	Yes		
Date Assessment is Required By	23 rd 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 except:-</p> <p>Footpath link between Ninian Avenue and Crosslee Park</p> <p>Stairway and Footpath link from Houston Road to the pedestrian underpass under Houston Road.</p> <p>Stairway and Footpath link from Houston Road to the pedestrian underpass under Bridge of Weir Road.</p>		
Who is Responsible for Maintaining the Route?	Renfrewshire Council Department for Planning & Transport and Private Residents		
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 Gryffe High School to Houston Area

Introduction

Richard Hernan, Transport Planner walked the route given by the Council's Education & Leisure Services from Houston to Gryffe High School. This took place on 19th March 2010, 08.00am - 09.40 am.

Route

The route assessed originates from three locations intersecting west of the junction between Magnus Road and Gryfebank Avenue;

- Originating from Locherburn Avenue walk along its northern/eastern footway to its junction with Craighburn Avenue. From Craighburn Avenue onto the northwestern/southern footway of Fulton Drive.
- Originating from Locher Crescent walk along its western footway to its junction with Locher Avenue. Thereafter along the northern/western footway of Locher Avenue to its junction with Fulton Drive, cross onto the southern footway of Fulton Drive west of its junction with Gryfebank Avenue.
- Originating from Gryfebank Avenue along its northern/western footway to its junction with Fulton Drive. Cross onto the southern footway of Fulton Drive west of its junction with Gryfebank Avenue.

One Route exists from the Houston Road/Main Street junction;

- Along the southern footway of Fulton Drive, and thereafter Magnus Road, to the point where it terminates east of Berl Avenue. At this point cross onto the northern footway of Magnus Road thereafter Piper Avenue and thereafter Ninian Avenue. Continue onto the Crosslee Park via a footpath link. Along Crosslee Park's eastern/northern footway and thereafter onto the eastern footpath of Houston Road, crossing onto the western footway via an underpass. Walk along a remote footpath located to the south and west of Houston Primary, via an underpass cross onto the northern footway of Bridge of Weir Road. From the Houston Road/Bridge of Weir Road junction walk north along the eastern footway of Houston Road crossing onto the western footway north of the access road to St Fillans Primary School. Continue north along the western footway of Houston Road and thereafter along the southern footway of Old Bridge of Weir Road to the school gates.

Observations

1. The route originating from Locherburn Avenue crosses Hillside along its route, visibility for pedestrians crossing is poor in all directions. Removal of vegetation and fencing could improve visibility, however it is recommended pedestrians walk approximately 15 metres into Hillside to maximise visibility.
2. The routes originating from Locher Crescent and Gryfebank Avenue should cross half way between the junctions of Gryfebank Avenue/Fulton Drive and Beatrice Gardens/Fulton Drive. This will maximise visibility to all traffic movements.
3. The crossing point on Magnus Road east of Berl Avenue is adjacent to a bus stop, it is recommended that pedestrians don't cross the road whilst a bus is stationary at the bus stop.

4. On the day of the survey pedestrians were observed using various elements of the route. It was also observed that a School Crossing Patrol was present on Magnus Road and Houston Road, both were used by a number of secondary and primary school pupils. The crossing patrol on Houston Road resulted in only a small number of pupils utilising the underpass, however without a patrol the route described would be safest using the underpass.
5. The stairway leading to the underpass at Houston Road has uneven surfaces possibly presenting a tripping hazard. This issue has been passed to the Maintenance section of the Departments for action.
6. There exists footway provision along the southern side of Old Bridge of Weir Road, this provides a safer route option than crossing onto the northern footway and thereafter back onto the southern footway.

Conclusion

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