

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT
ASSESSMENT OF WALKING ROUTE

Route To Be Assessed	Bridge of Weir Area to Gryffe High School, Houston. See separate sheet for detailed assessment.		
Map attached	Yes		
Date Assessment is Required By	1 st 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>St Andrews Drive/Donaldfield Road – Footway between the eastern property boundary of number 98 St Andrews Drive to just west of the north-eastern property boundary Glengyle.</p> <p>Clevans Road – Footway from junction with Donaldsfield Road to the access point to the Golf Course Club House.</p> <p>Horsewood Road – Eastern footway from the junction with Prieston Road to the southern property line of Elmgait/Stanalane.</p> <p>Horsewood Road – Eastern footway from the southern property line of Bend O Brae to the northern property line of Bend O Brae.</p> <p>Hazelwood Road – Both footways from Kilgraston Road to Prieston Road</p> <p>Ranfurlly Place – Entire eastern footway</p> <p>Lawmarnock Road – All footways from Knox Avenue to Prieston Road</p> <p>Glendentan Road – Both footways between St Andrews Drive and Barassie Drive</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, except Area in Lawmarnock Crescent	
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 Bridge of Weir Area

Introduction

Richard Hernan, Transport Planner and Stephen Davison, Supervisory Transportation Officer walked the route given by the Council's Education & Leisure Services from Bridge of Weir to Gryffe High School, Bridge of Weir. This took place on 18th and 19th February 2010, 08.00am - 10.00 am. A further survey had also been carried out on 12 February 2010, 08-30am – 09-00am around the school area.

Route

The route assessed originates from three locations intersecting at the junction between Houston Road and Main Road;

- This route originates either on St Andrews Drive or Donaldfield Road. When originating from St. Andrews Drive walk along the south/east footway to the priority junction with Donaldfield Road and cross the north-eastern arm of the junction to the northern footway. When originating from Donaldfield Road walk along the west/north footway to the priority junction with St Andrews Drive Road. From Donaldfield Road walk generally north-eastwards, crossing western arm of Cleavans Road at its junction with Donaldfield Road. Continue further east towards Horsewood Road crossing Carruth Road en-route. On Horsewood Road walk along its western footway, crossing Thriplee Road en-route to a point opposite the northern footway of Fetlar Road. At this point cross Horsewood Road onto Fetlar Road and walk along the northern footway and then along the western footway of Kenbank Road. From Kenbank Road via a footpath onto Torr Road follow the south-western footway to the junction between Torr Road and Main Street. Cross the Torr Road arm of the junction which is facilitated by a signalised pedestrian crossing, thereafter along the south-western footway of Main Street towards the Main Street/Houston Road junction.
- Originating from Barassie Drive along its north and eastern footway to its junction with Turnberry Road and Glendentan Road. Crossing the junction on its eastern arm (Turnberry Road) and continuing along the eastern footway of Glendentan Road to its junction with Troon Drive. Cross Troon Drive and bear right and continue along to the Troon Drive/Lawmarnock Road junction. Turn north and walk along the western side of Lawmarnock Road, crossing Knox Avenue at its junction with Lawmarnock Road. Cross Lawmarnock Road just north of Knox Avenue and continue north along the eastern side of Lawmarnock Road to its junction with Prieston Road. Thereafter on Horsewood Road walk along its eastern footway, towards Fetlar Road. Walk along the northern footway of Fetlar Road and then along the western footway of Kenbank Road. From Kenbank Road via a footpath onto Torr Road follow the south-western footway to the junction between Torr Road and Main Street. Cross the Torr Road arm of the junction which is facilitated by a signalised pedestrian crossing, thereafter along the south-western footway of Main Street towards the Main Street/Houston Road junction.
- Originating from Hazelwood Road along its southern/western/northern footway to Prieston Road. Cross Prieston Road on the western arm of its junction with Hazelwood Road and walk east towards the Prieston Road/Main Street/Bridge of Weir Road junction. Cross North to Main St at the central traffic island. Thereafter along the north-eastern footway towards the Main Street/Houston Road junction.
- Originating from Hazelwood Road onto Kilgraston Road initially along its southern footway, cross over to the northern footway. Thereafter onto Ranfurly Place and walk northbound along the western footway to the junction with Prieston Road. Cross

Prieston Road onto its northern footway. The road splits in 2 directions either East or West. The western direction goes towards Horsewood Road. Thereafter on Horsewood Road walk along its eastern footway, towards Fetlar Road. Walk along the northern footway of Fetlar Road and then along the western footway of Kenbank Road. The eastern direction goes on the northern footway to the Prieston Road/Main Street junction. Cross the North footway of Prieston Road to the North footway of Main Street using the central traffic islands. Thereafter along the north-eastern footway towards the Main Street/Houston Road junction.

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

- From the Houston Road/Main Street junction along the north/north-western footway of Houston Road towards Old Bridge of Weir Road, Houston. The route is mainly facilitated by a footway however west of the Old Bridge of Weir Road/Houston Road junction the route follows along a remote footpath. The route continues along the northern footway of Old Bridge of Weir Road until it crosses onto the south footway west of the school entrance.

Observations

1. Along the northwest side of Donaldfield Road the condition of the footway is poor with a number of potential trip hazards.
2. The footway along Donaldfield Road is not continuous along its western footway thus it is recommended that route follows the eastern/southern footway.
3. The route provided by the Councils Education & Leisure Services indicated crossing the western arm of the Clevans Road/Donaldfield Road junction. However there is virtually no footway provision on the northern side of this crossing point due to the overgrown bushes. This issue has been passed to the Maintenance Section of the Department for action.
4. Vegetation along the northern side of Clevans Road should be cut back to the property boundaries to ensure the effective footway width is maximised. The footway is poorly surfaced with a number of potential trip hazards. Some parts of this footway are adopted and other areas are not. The issue has been passed to the Maintenance Section of the Department for action.
5. On Main Road outside the Gibb Stuart property a post holding up an Elderly Persons warning sign is damaged and bent. This issue has been passed to the Traffic Section of the Department for action.
6. Lighting column R34 along Houston Road was damaged and should be repaired. This issue has been passed to the Councils Lighting Maintenance department.
7. Overgrown vegetation along Lawmarnock Road reduces visibility and available road space for pedestrians to walk and should be cut back to the property boundary. This issue has been passed to the Maintenance Section of the Department for action.
8. There is no footway on Lawmarnock Road between Lawmarnock Crescent and Prieston Road; in addition the road is fairly narrow. This presents a safety concern for pedestrians walking from Lawmarnock Crescent and is not a safe route for pedestrians.

9. Due to poor footway provision at points along the north side of Kilgraston Road it is recommended the route crosses near 46 Kilgraston Road, half way between Hazelwood Road and Ranfurly Place.
10. The footway along the eastern side of Ranfurly Place is in a poor state of repair with a number of trip hazards and narrows at points. In many locations kerbstones are at a greater level than the footway. Also access gates to the Aincroft property open out towards the road and on the date of inspection blocked the entire footway. These issues have been passed to the Maintenance Section of the Department for action.
11. Vegetation on the north side of Prieston Road between Ranfurly Place and Horsewood Road is overgrown and reduces the effective width. This issue has been passed to the Maintenance Section of the Department for action.
12. The footways along Hazelwood Road (north of Kilgraston Road) are in a poor state of repair with a number of trip hazards and narrows at points. The western/northern footway is generally in better condition than the eastern/southern. This footway is unadopted and the issue has been passed to the Maintenance Section of the Department for action.
13. A post which is holding a walking route directional sign located northwest of Lintwhite Crescent is damaged and should be replaced. This issue has been passed to the Traffic Section of the Department for action.
14. Along the Main Street at the point the route crosses Maxwell Place there are streetscape works being carried out. Pedestrians cannot cross at the preferred point near to the entrance to Maxwell Place but are required to cross further into Maxwell Place, close to the building line.
15. At Warlock Road cross at the narrow point of the road, away from the Houston Road/Warlock Road junction. This will improve sight lines and reduce crossing time. Improvement works are planned before April 2010 with the intention of improving movement and reducing speed at the junction.

Conclusion

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