

PLANNING AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT
ASSESSMENT OF WALKING ROUTE

Route To Be Assessed	St Benedict's, Linwood: Tannahill Crescent Area, Johnstone See separate sheet for detailed assessment.		
Map attached	Yes		
Date Assessment is Required By	23 September 2009		
Is the Route Adopted by the Council?	Yes		
If Part of the route is adopted, please indicate which part(s)	All Roads and Footways		
Who is Responsible for Maintaining the Route?	Renfrewshire Council Department for Planning & Transport		
Is the Entire Route Lit?	Yes		
Does the Route Meet the Criteria?	Yes		
Additional Comments	See detailed assessment.		

Detailed assessment for Route to St Benedict's, Linwood from Tannahill Crescent Area, Johnstone

Introduction

On 17 September 2009, between 08.30 and 10.00 am, Stephen Davison, Supervisory Transportation Officer and Elaine Lorimer, Road Safety Officer for the Council, walked the route given by the Council's Education & Leisure Services from Tannahill Crescent Area to St Benedict's school

Route

The route originates from various locations listed, Tannahill Crescent, McDonald Avenue, Ramsay Avenue, and Hogg Avenue, Johnstone and leads to the North/West corner of the Tannahill Crescent/Rannoch Road junction. Cross to the East side of Rannoch Road and walk North to the junction of Rannoch Road/Beith Road. Cross Beith Road at the central traffic island to the North and walk to the Quarrelton/Beith Road junction. Walk down the West side of Quarrelton Road to where the School Crossing Patroller operates at Quarrelton Road at Buchanan Street and cross to the East side of Quarrelton Road. Walk on down the South side to Graham Street/Quarrelton Pelican crossing and walk along the North side of Graham Street to George Street/MacDowall Street/High Street junction and cross to the North West corner using the pedestrian phase of the traffic signals. Walk North to the Superstore access and cross using pedestrian phase of the traffic signals. Walk North to Barrochan Interchange and cross using the pedestrian phase of the traffic signals. Walk North on the East footway on Barrochan Road to the roundabout at Deafhillock then travel East onto the South footway on Bridge of Weir Road, Linwood to the Pelican crossing near Johnstone Hospital and cross to St Benedict's school.

Observations

1. Visibility is obscured at the Rannoch Road crossing point due to the horizontal curvature of the road and bushes. It is recommended pupils stay on the West side of Rannoch Rd to the footway at Beith Road, to the west of Rannoch Road. Crossing from South to north at the central traffic island and from the North side of Beith Road travel East to Quarrelton Road.
2. The North footway on High Street from MacDowall Street to Morrisons entrance is not complete. Maintenance Section of the Department for action.
3. The footway on the eastern side of Barrochan Road between Deafhillock Roundabout and Barrochan Interchange narrows due to overgrown vegetation and silt build up on footway. It is recommended the silt is removed on the footway and vegetation is cut back. Maintenance Section of the Department for action.
4. The South footway on Bridge of Weir Road, Linwood has overgrown vegetation. Instruction has been sent to the Maintenance Section of the Department for action.
5. The South footway on Bridge of Weir Road, Linwood there are two road sign poles partially obstruct the footway. It is recommended the two poles are relocated so they do not cause an obstruction. Traffic Section of the Department for action.

Conclusions

The original route identified by Education and Leisure Services, including the observations above, is considered to be a safe walking route.