

ASSESSMENT OF WALKED ROUTE TO SCHOOL

ROUTE INSPECTION FORM

ROUTE LOCATION **Bishops Waltham to Swanmore College**
FROM **Hermitage Close, Bishops Waltham, SO32 2RB**
TO **Swanmore College, SO32 2RB**

FINDINGS

ROUTE	SAFE	UNSAFE
DATE INSPECTED	07/12/2016	
NAME	Aaron Gallimore	
DISTANCE of ROUTE	2.87 miles	
Weather	Dry, Clear, 12 degrees.	

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

The route was walked from 7.30am to 8.35 am on Wednesday 7th December. The route starts on Hermitage Close, and follows primarily along the Winchester Road (B2177) before turning into Forest Road and finally New Road. Due to the provision of an adequate pavement for the whole route, this is considered available for a walked route.

Please see below for assessment notes:

07:30 – Hermitage Close: Parked cars in the road and on the pavement. Footpath available to lead onto Churchill Avenue.

07:31 – Use dropped kerb to cross Cunningham Avenue - gradual slope leading down to Winchester Road. The traffic flow increases upon turning into Winchester Road. The pedestrian is not required to cross Winchester Road as part of the walked route and a footpath is available for the entire length of the walk.

07:45: Continue along Winchester Road taking care as private driveways on the left of the path. There are a number of minor roads to cross along the route. Each minor road has good lines of sight and adequate breaks in traffic flow for crossing. When approaching the roundabout keep left to cross the road in 2 sections, making use of the traffic island in the middle of the road.

8:00: After crossing Malt Lane (using traffic Island), keep left and follow path (sign-posted local shops). This path leads safely around the bank (and Public house) back onto Winchester Road (Coppice Hill). There is also an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing available to help with safe passage crossing the road.

8:05: Speed limit increases to 50mph. (Temporary 30mph limit is currently in place due to road works – this did not affect the footpath).

8:20: Speed limit reduces back to 30mph as entering Waltham Chase.

8:26: Traffic has made a queue on approach to junction with Forest Road. Follow footpath onto Forest Road and continue walking.

08:28: Turn into New Road and continue down to school. The school has flashing amber lights signalling 20mph zone during this period.

08:35: Arrive at school.

Using the Road Safety GB guidelines, the traffic flow on the Winchester Road is heavy. Although the walked route is alongside this road at no point does it need to be crossed. The footpath on route has sufficient space for child and accompanying adult or carer.

Accident Report – Last 5 years

One accident was recorded along the route at the time of travelling to school. This accident did not involve pedestrians.

No other accidents were recorded involving pedestrians at school travel/home time.

Although no formal gap analysis was undertaken a traffic census was conducted along the route. Sight lines throughout were good and the minor roads had only light to moderate traffic. The roundabout on Winchester Road did have increased traffic flow, but adequate breaks in traffic allowed for crossing by child when accompanied by responsible parent or carer.

Signed :

Aaron Gallimore

Position :

Senior Road Safety Officer

Date :

07/12/16