

## **ASSESSMENT OF WALKED ROUTE TO SCHOOL**

### **ROUTE INSPECTION FORM**

**ROUTE LOCATION**      **Pamber Heath to The Hurst School**  
**FROM**                      **Furze Cottage, Silchester Road, Pamber Heath**  
**TO**                              **The Hurst School, Brimpton Road, Baughurst,  
Tadley, RG26 5NL**

#### **FINDINGS**

**ROUTE**                                      **SAFE**  
**DATE INSPECTED**                      **18/01/2018**  
**NAME**                                      **Brian Cainey**  
**DISTANCE of ROUTE**  
**Weather**                                      **Dry and Cloudy**

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS**

The route was walked from 7.36am to 8.33am on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018.  
The route starts at Furze Cottage and heads west along Silchester Road. Initially there is no footpath, but there is a wide grass verge to walk on safely. The road is subject to a 30mph at this point.  
On reaching the bus stop there is a short stretch of pavement that leads to a layby. Here the route crosses Silchester Road to the junction of Impstone Road, where there is a pavement and streetlighting running the length of Silchester Road.  
Passing the junction of Pamber Heath Road, the speed limit changes to 40mph and the footpath continues towards Tadley.  
The route continues past the recreation ground, with the speed limit changing to 30mph just before the junction of Tadley Common Road, to the traffic lights at the junction of A340 Mulfords Hill.  
Turning left onto Mulfords Hill, there is an informal pedestrian crossing with a centre refuge at the junction of Franklin Avenue. Although traffic is busier on Mulfords Hill, the traffic lights create adequate gaps in the traffic to cross safely to Franklin Avenue.  
Franklin Avenue is mainly straight, with pavements on both sides, and good visibility which allows plenty of opportunities to cross safely to the right hand side. At the end of Franklin Avenue, the route continues across Bishopswood Road into Hangar Road, and follows the cycle route which emerges on Shyshack Lane. At the end of Shyshack Lane the route continues across

Heath End Road, into Woodlands Road and following Woodlands Road to the school entrance.

Due to the provision of adequate step off points and grass verge at the eastern end of Silchester Road, and continuous footpaths along the rest of the route, this is considered available for a walked route.

Although no formal gap analysis was undertaken a traffic census was conducted along the route. Sight lines throughout were good along the whole route.

Traffic flow was low, with an average of 351 vehicles per hour passing on Silchester Road.

Traffic flow on A340 Mulfords Hill was medium, with 42 cars and 1 HGV passing in the 5 minutes it took to walk this part of the route, but the pavement provides a safe walking route away from the traffic and adequate gaps in the traffic provided by traffic lights, as well as the informal crossing point with centre island provided a safe crossing point.

A 40mph speed limit is in place along a stretch of Silchester Road as noted above. A 30mph speed limit is in place on the rest of the route.

1 accident involving child pedestrian reported on route in last 5 years (Mulfords Hill junction with Mount Pleasant, Tadley)

Please see assessment notes below:

7:36

**Begin Route** Furze Cottage, Silchester Road. Wide grass verge, 30mph speed limit.

7:40

Pamber Heath sign, 30mph repeater sign. Pavement starts at bus stop.

7:43

Pelican Road. Footpath on both sides of Silchester Road.

7:50

40mph speed limit.

7:55

Recreation ground.

7.58

30mph speed limit. Tadley sign.

8:00

Traffic lights with pedestrian controlled phase at junction of Silchester Road and Stacey Industrial Park.

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8:05

Traffic lights at junction of Silchester Road and A340 Mulfords Hill.

8:10

Franklin Avenue junction with Bond Close

8:15

Franklin Avenue junction with Bishopswood Road.

8:17

Join cycle route between Hangar Road and Shyshack Lane.

8:20

Shyshack Lane

8:23

Shyshack Lane junction with Heath End Road.

8:30

Woodlands Road junction with Long Grove.

8:33

Arrive at The Hurst Community College entrance

Alternative routes using Mulfords Hill, Tadley Hill, Rowan Road, West Street, Pamber Heath Road, Burney Bit, Impstone Road, Valley Way, Church Road was also assessed between 8.40 and 10:10.

A traffic count was not conducted on this part of the route as this was walked after school start time.

Due to the provision of adequate step off points and continuous footpaths along these roads, these are considered available for a walked route.

**Signed :**

**Brian Cainey**

**Position :**

**Senior Road Safety Officer**

**Date :**

**24/01/18**