

## ASSESSMENT OF WALKED ROUTE TO SCHOOL

### ROUTE INSPECTION FORM

#### ROUTE LOCATION

**FROM** Ancells Farm, Fleet  
**TO** Velmead Junior School, Velmead Road, Fleet  
**VIA** Cove Road, Minley Road, Avondale Road, Pinewood Hill,  
Kings Road, Velmead Road

#### FINDINGS

**ROUTE** **SAFE**  
**DATE INSPECTED** 21 June 2018  
**NAME** Brian Cainey  
**DISTANCE of ROUTE** 2.52 miles

#### SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

The route was walked from 7.32am to 8.25am on Thursday 21 June 2018.  
The route starts at Silverlea, Cove Road and heads west along Cove Road, which is subject to a 40mph speed limit. The footpath is 1.5m wide but narrows to 1m for a short distance between no. 62 and no. 58 Cove Road due to overgrown vegetation. Despite this, the footpath is still useable. On reaching the roundabout, the route crosses Ancells Road at the island and continues along Cove Road. Traffic on Ancells Road was light, with plenty of opportunities to cross safely. The route continues along Cove road until it's junction with Old Cove Road. Just before the junction there is a pedestrian refuge that allows the road to be crossed safely. The route continues along Old Cove Road, which is a no through road to traffic, and turns left onto Minley Road where the speed limit is 30mph. Continuing along Minley Road, the footpath continues across the pedestrian footbridge to the station approach road. Crossing the station approach, the route continues south westwards along Fleet Road to it's junction with Avondale Road. Turning left into Avondale Road, the route crosses this road and continues along Pinewood Hill to it's junction with Kings Road. The route then continues south east along Kings Road. There is a puffin crossing outside no. 111 which should be used to cross Kings Road and the route continues to the junction on Aldershot Road. Crossing Aldershot Road at the puffin crossing, the route continues across the canal bridge into Velmead Road. Continuing along Velmead Road, where there is a 20mph speed limit in operation at school times, cross with the School Crossing Patrol to the school entrance.

Due to the provision of continuous footpaths along the route, this is considered available as 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.

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**A 40mph speed limit is in place along Cove Road as noted above. A 30mph speed limit is in place on the rest of the route, with the stretch of Velmead Road outside the school subject to a 20mph speed limit at school times..**

**No accidents involving child pedestrians were reported on the route in the last 5 years.**

**Please see assessment notes below:**

**7:32**

**Begin Route Silverlea, Cove Road. Pavement , 40mph speed limit.**

**7:38**

**Roundabout at junction of Cove Road and Ancells Road.**

**7:44**

**Cross Cove Road at pedestrian refuge.**

**7:45**

**Old Cove Road.**

**7:47**

**Minley Road – 30mph speed limit.**

**7.50**

**Railway footbridge – no traffic.**

**7:51**

**Cross station approach road.**

**7:53**

**Traffic lights at Premier Inn.**

**7:57**

**Turn left into Avondale Road.**

**7:58**

**Pinewood Hill.**

**8:01**

**Kings Road.**

**8:10**

**Cross Kings Road at Puffin crossing.**

**8:15**

**Cross Aldershot Road at Puffin Crossing.**

**8:17**

**Canal bridge into Velmead Road.**

**8:20**

**Junction of Velmead Road and Firtree Way – change to 20mph speed limit at school times.**

**8:24**

**Cross Velmead Road at School Crossing Patrol. Cross school entrance road at zebra crossing.**

**8:25**

**Arrive at pedestrian entrance to Velmead Junior School.**

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**Alternative route using Westover Road and Avondale Road was also assessed. 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 continuous footpaths along these roads, these are also considered available for a walked route**

**Signed :**

**Brian Cainey**

**Position :**

**Senior Road Safety Officer**

**Date :**

**21/6/18**