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Gryffe High School
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Dear Mr Allan

Re: Safe Walking Routes to Gryffe High School

Further to my letter of 30 August 2011, I now enclose herewith photographs taken of the route in question which I maintain is not a safe walking route to school. These photographs were taken on a dry day in good light.

Picture 1: This shows the area of flooding on the approach to Old Bridge of Weir Road towards the school and the wall to which pupils cling to avoid the large deep puddle which forms in heavy rain. Further pictures of this wall call into question the soundness of its structure.

Pictures 2-6: These show the actual pavement surface and debris from the damaged wall on which pupils have to walk.

Pictures 7-14: These photographs show the most dangerous section where both the wall and the pavement have collapsed into the field. The pavement becomes narrow and pupils are forced to walk near to the kerb which borders a road where the traffic speed limit is, at present, 60 mph. The traffic does indeed travel at this speed and I, and many like me, can testify to this. Note the orange barriers which indicate that previous work has been done here.

Pictures 15-20: These show various sections of broken and collapsed wall between the farm entrance and the school. Pupils are exposed on these sections of pavement to a drop into the field on one side and to fast traffic on the other. This wall appears not to have been maintained for some years and whoever owns it is likely to be held liable for any injury it may cause to pedestrians.

I have checked various walking routes to other schools nearby, including Paisley, and to the best of my knowledge, no other Renfrewshire pupil has to negotiate a pavement in such a bad state of repair. I ask you, yet again, why Bridge of Weir pupils are expected to walk to school in all weathers on such a badly maintained route? This is not a 'safe walking route to school'.

In addition, the flooding at the dip on the B790 is still causing problems for pedestrians.

On behalf of Gryffe High Parent Council, I am willing to meet with any Renfrewshire Council officials or representatives on site to actually witness how badly this pavement has deteriorated. This route was identified as a safe walking route to school and all repairs should have been done for the new session beginning August 2010. As this particular section of the route appears to have been neglected, measures should now be put into place to repair the wall and also to resurface the pavement as a matter of urgency.

I would appreciate your early feedback on this issue.

Yours sincerely

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