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Mr Scott Allan  
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Dear Mr Allan

**Re Safe Walking Routes to School – Gryffe High School**

Many thanks for your letter of 5 September 2011. In the interim, I have forwarded photographs of the route in question which you should have received by now.

I quote from an email which I received from a concerned parent on 9 September 2011:

‘RE : the flooding. There are 2 areas which form large puddles on a daily basis when wet. One at the dip and one just after Houston Park just under the small national speed limit sign which is very faint. There is also a channel of water which runs nearly the full length of the road along the left hand side next to the pavement. It is obviously the camber of the road but means the water lies there all the time. It is just off the driving line providing you stay away from the pavement and sit well out in the road. This morning the spray up onto the pavement was really bad.’

As a result of this email, I forward more photographs taken on Friday, 9 September 2011 at 10.30 am in light rain and not the usual monsoon conditions which we have come to expect and which we are likely to be subject to in the coming winter months along with any ice and snow.

Photograph 1 ties in with the previously sent photograph 1 which shows the pavement beginning to flood in light rain.

Photograph 2 is a continuation on this route.

Photograph 3 shows a further continuation of the route towards Bridge of Weir.

Photograph 4 shows what is actually deep water on the pavement.

Photographs 5 and 6 show the channel of water running down the kerbside which drivers have to drive over when oncoming traffic prevents them pulling out into the middle of the road. The resulting spray, of course, soaks the pedestrian.

Photograph 7 shows further deep puddling in the centre of the pavement.

Photograph 8 shows the infamous dip towards Bridge of Weir.

Photographs 9 and 10 show the dip and associated flooding beginning on the pavement.

Photograph 11 shows the dip flooding on both sides of the road.

Photograph 12 shows further flooding on the pavement.

Photograph 13 shows the collapsed pavement mentioned in my last letter, with the crack widening.

Photograph 14 shows the speed limit sign on the approach to Houston. The sign has worn away.

These photographs prove that the pavement is in very poor condition and flooding is a serious issue for pedestrians. Whilst out taking photographs, even in the rain, there were a good number of pedestrians walking the route between Houston and Bridge of Weir and vice versa.

I note that the rural pavement the length of Barochan Road in Johnstone (B789) is in supreme condition, though the pedestrian traffic on this pavement is lighter than that on the Houston Road, Bridge of Weir.

These photographs should give you an accurate picture of the pavement which Bridge of Weir children actually have to walk.

Some real action to bring this pavement up to a safe standard is what is required as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely

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