

Hampshire County Council

Regulatory Committee School Transport Appeal

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**School Transport Appeal: Laverstoke to Overton
Primary School**

**Report of the Director of Economy, Transport and
Environment**

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1. Summary

1.1 The appellant has appealed, on the safety of the walking route, against the decision not to award free school transport to her son, from Florence Portal Close in Laverstoke, to Overton Primary School in Overton.

2. Background

2.1 Florence Portal Close in Laverstoke is 2.1 miles west of Overton Primary School. The walking route is within the statutory three miles distance beyond which free transport is provided for children over eight attending their catchment area school, or a nearer school.

2.2 The appellant has raised concerns over the safety of the walking route to the school from the Laverstoke area.

3. The Appeal

3.1 The route has to be considered against the national Road Safety GB criteria for the Assessment of Walked Routes to School (Appendix 2).

3.2 An on-site inspection was undertaken on 11 February 2014 by a representative from Hampshire County Council's Road Safety Team. The outcome of the inspection was that the route is 'safe'. The salient points of this report are in Appendix 1

4. Conclusion

4.1 Members will have had the opportunity to inspect the walking route. The County Council's position is that, under the criteria, the walking route is available.

4.2 It is for Members to consider, following the guidance of Appendix 1:

- (i) Whether the nature of the route, or an alternative route, means that it is available for children if unaccompanied; and
- (ii) If the answer to (i) is no, whether the route is available if accompanied.

4.3 If the answer to (ii) is yes, separate consideration by the Children's Services Department would be given to any representations by parents or carers who are unable to accompany their children by virtue of individual circumstances.

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background papers

The following documents disclose facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and has been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report.

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TITLE	LOCATION
Correspondence and notes from site inspections and telephone conversations	ETE Directorate Passenger Transport Group

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