

Hampshire County Council

Regulatory Committee B

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School Transport Appeal: Fyfield to Kimpton 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 daughter, from Walnut Tree Ground in Fyfield, to Kimpton Primary School.

2. Background

2.1 Walnut Close in Fyfield is North East of Kimpton School. The walking route is within the statutory two miles distance beyond which free transport is provided for children under eight attending their catchment area school, or a nearer school.

2.2 There are two routes available to walk from Walnut Close to Kimpton School. Route 1 (via Snoddington Road) is 0.99 miles, and route 2 (via Stanbury Road) is 1.2 miles. Both routes have been assessed as being 'available'.

2.3 There is also a third route available which follows a public footpath along the side of a field, accessed via the graveyard of the local church, but during a recent inspection the footpath was extremely muddy, so this route had been discounted.

2.4 The appellant has raised concerns over the safety of the walking routes to the school from the Fyfield 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 08 October 2013 by a representative from Hampshire County Council's Road Safety

Team. The Senior Road Safety Officer's report is available in Appendix 1

4. **Conclusion**

4.1 Members will have had the opportunity to inspect the walking routes. 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

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TITLE

LOCATION

Correspondence and notes from site inspections and telephone conversations

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