

Summary of assessment

In assessing the safety of this route, consideration is given only to danger relevant to traffic, highway and topographical conditions, not to personal safety, in accordance with adopted guidelines.

The route travels in a generally North Westerly direction from the property in Stainsacre village, and for the most part follows the Cinder Track to Whitby where the school is located.

The Cinder Track can be accessed from points along Rigg View.(Photo 1 and 2)

A level, former railway line, known as the Cinder Track can be followed from this point, in the direction of Whitby. At the time of the assessment the track was covered in snow that had been compacted due to frequent usage. The track is level and presented no issues for pedestrians at the time of the assessment.

The level track can be followed easily for 2km, occasionally crossing small culverts with low walls. There does not seem to be any significant danger of falling over these or falling down the embankments as the track is wide and level. (Photo 3 and 4)

The track continues over a viaduct crossing the River Esk. The viaduct is 225 m long and is walled on both sides. The wall on the west side is approx. 1.5m high and does not present a significant danger for pedestrians. The east side of the viaduct has a similar height wall, although there is a platform of approx. 30cm running along the base of the wall. There is no significant risk of a pedestrian accidentally falling from the viaduct. (Photo 5)

After a further 600m a set of steps on the West side of the track leads up towards the A171. A short ginnel is followed to reach the A171(Photo 6 and 7)

The A171 can be crossed safely at this point, alternatively by following the footway east along the A171 a pedestrian crossing point can be reached after 50m. (Photo 8 and 9)

After crossing the A171 a footway can be followed along a short lane leading to the school gate. (Photo 10)

Conclusion of Assessor:

The route is assessed as safe accompanied as necessary.

Signed: Mark Harrison Dated 23.01.2024
Road Safety and Travel Awareness



Photos 1 and 2 showing access points to Cinder Track.



Photo 3 and 4 showing level track and short culvert crossings



Photo 5 track across viaduct



Photo 6 and 7 showing steps and ginnel leading to A171



Photo 8 and 9 showing crossing points of A171



Photo 10 lane leading to school gate.