

Moray Council
Public Transport Unit
Portgordon - Buckie High Route
Walking Route Assessment

Reference No	
Date	26/02/2026
Time	0810 - 0900
Assessor(s)	DM.

1. Client Details

Name of child	Various
Telephone No.	
Address	All Craigellachie Village pupils to Speyside High School

2. General Information

Point of Origin:

Craigellachie Village Addresses

Point of Destination:

Speyside High School

3. Contract Information

Infrastructure	Comments
Is the route lit	No lighting between Craigellachie and Aberlour on Speyside Way other than in the former railway tunnel which is lit. However there is a clear core path along the Speyside Way with no traffic. The urban areas of Craigellachie and Aberlour are lit
Is a footpath present & is it suitable (no trip hazards / open ditches present)	Clear gravel footpath along Speyside Way between Craigellachie and Aberlour. Path and pavement in Craigellachie and pavement in Aberlour.
Additional information	
Is the forward visibility suitable for pedestrians to be seen in the carriageway	Yes
Are there suitable step off points on the route or safe areas at the edge of the carriageway	There is no requirement to walk in the carriageway on this route.
Is the volume of traffic on the route acceptable to allow for walking in the carriageway	There is no requirement to walk in the carriageway on this route.
Is the speed of traffic on the route acceptable?	Within Craigellachie's 30mph section the average speed is below the limit On Speyside Way there is no motorised traffic so there is no speed count to consider.

	Within Aberlour section, the average speed is below the speed limit
Is the drainage adequate to remove surface water from the edge of the carriageway	Yes

Route description

As routes within Craigellachie village are already part of the walk-to-school area for the primary school this assessment starts at the access to the Speyside Way in Allachy Park. Join path through side of Allachy Park and follow Speyside Way towards Aberlour. Speyside is gravel path and unlit other than the former railway tunnel section which has lighting. Then take second route on left off Speyside way onto path leading to High Street beside number 34 High Street. Good sightlines on High Street right and left. Cross High Street and continue South along pavement, turn left on pavement up Conval Drive, follow pavement round onto Tower Drive and into Speyside High School grounds.

Is the Route Suitable for an **accompanied child**

If **No**, please list any recommendations to achieve a suitable walking route

Route considered acceptable following assessment.

Please remember that the route should be assessed for all ages of users, all types of weather, and for during the hours of darkness.
NB. All routes are assessed as being an accompanied walk with a responsible adult.