

SATIN Case Study - Advisory On-Road Footway - Connel Ferry Station School Travel Improvements

Organisation Name

Transport Planning and Engineering on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council



Infrastructure Location

Station Road, Argyll

Date of Completion

31-Mar-2015

Context

Following an increase in the frequency of the Oban to Glasgow rail service, Argyll and Bute Council decided to use the railway as a medium for a proportion of the school transport service that they provide. On every school day, over 11,000 pupils attend school in Argyll and Bute, almost 3,200 of them travel to and from school on transport organised by the Council.

The renewed focus on trial use raised safety concerns for pupils going to and coming from the rail stations involved. Due to space restrictions at Connel Ferry Station in Argyll, Station Road operates as shared space for active travel users, motorists and the local oil distribution business's road tankers.

Technical Aspects

In order to raise awareness of the increased active travel use of Station Road by school transport pupils and the general public, Transport Planning and Engineering specified the laying down of a 1.8 metre wide advisory footway along one edge of the carriageway. The footway area was surfaced in blue coloured thermoplastic screed and defined by dashed white thermoplastic roadlining to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions Diagram 1004. The thermoplastic screed material used was 'Hi-Tex Colourtex' (blue).

Outcomes





Financing

This project was completed as part of a wider set of improvements to access facilities at Network Rail stations in Argyll, allowing the roadlining contractor to combine jobs to generate a full program of work to justify the travel requirement and minimise carbon use and environmental impact. This makes an accurate cost estimate difficult to obtain in this case.

Argyll and Bute Council found the funding for this development from the Sustrans Scotland's Community Links Programme matched with the Scottish Government's Smarter Choices, Smarter Places funding stream.

Evaluation

This was the first time such a scheme had been installed in the Argyll and Bute Council area. It is intended as a proof-of-example that will be used in support of future proposals in the local authority area.

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