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Mrs Jane Lewis
Clerk to Buckland Parish Council
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Dear Mrs Lewis,

Road Safety issues Tring Hill/B4009 junction and Buckland Wharf

Thank you for your recent letter addressed to Cllr Thomas Broom setting out details of your ongoing concerns with road safety.

The Highway Development team have advised that the SPG will be used to guide the forthcoming development. Further, more detailed assessment will need to take place as the proposal progresses. The applicant will be required to provide detailed traffic modelling and detailed assessment of the local highway network, including the Upper Icknield Way/Tring Hill junction. Amongst other things, this will include investigations into the capacity and the safety of the local highway network and any potential mitigation will be informed by this detailed assessment.

Accepting the need to secure 3rd party funding to implement any significant change to the layout of the Tring Hill/Upper Icknield Way junction, we are in the process of initiating discussions with our Design Alliance partner to explore potential options for reconfiguring the junction. To be clear, this is not a commitment to deliver work on the ground, but should provide some indication on what is possible, give a very high-level cost estimate, and facilitate discussions connected with any future re-development of the RAF Halton site.

Speed enforcement is the sole responsibility of Thames Valley Police (TVP), so their presence and enforcement action is entirely appropriate. We are limited in terms of action we can take against drivers travelling in excess of the posted speed limit; we have recently provided a number of 30mph speed posters for the parish, to remind drivers of the speed limit in areas where speed limit repeater signs are not permitted. In direct response to your question, we base our limited Network Safety resources at sites where there is a record of injuries. This aligns with our obligations under the Road Traffic Act 1988 (s39). There have not been any injury incident incidents attributed to excessive speed along this stretch of London Road within our set review period of five years.

Thank you for providing information of the incidents which occurred on 28th January. If there were any injuries reported to TVP, details will be passed to us as part of the police investigation. As we do not, currently, have any information on the contributory factors which resulted in the incidents, it would be inappropriate for us to comment or speculate on the circumstances surrounding these incidents.

With regard to the VAS (VA080) on the Tring Hill approach to Aston Clinton, this sign was found to have failed and was obsolete needing replacement. It has since been broken into and vandalised.

The future of this sign is already under discussion and we are awaiting confirmation from the Network Safety team about whether they intend to do an assessment to confirm if the sign is needed; we will then obtain a quote for removal or refurbishment, as appropriate.

I hope the information above is helpful and clarifies the situation.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Thomas Broom
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transport