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6th February 2026

Cllr Thomas Broom
Cabinet Member for Transport
Buckinghamshire Council
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Dear Cllr Broom

Road Safety issues Tring Hill/B4009 junction and Buckland Wharf

I refer to your letter to our MP Laura Kyrke-Smith, ref MPE-12082526, dated 15th September 2025, copy attached, concerning road safety issues within our Parish at Tring Hill and Buckland Wharf, which have been the subject of correspondence with Buckinghamshire Council highways.

Tring Hill:
We note that Buckinghamshire Council's transport priority remains focused on road maintenance, not road safety. The concerns of residents and motorists about the accident black spot at the junction of Tring Hill with the B4009 Upper Icknield Way have been acknowledged by Buckinghamshire Council, but no progress has been made since two petitions were handed to Buckinghamshire Council in 2022.
In your letter to Laura Kyrke-Smith MP you mention that a source of funding for the Tring Hill/Upper Icknield Way junction could come from development at RAF Halton. When this site was first put forward to AVDC as the Local Planning Authority for possible future development the first requirement was for highways improvements at the Tring Hill/Upper Icknield Way junction. This was a primary requirement for this development to go ahead.
However, the Halton SPG was finally issued for consultation and then adopted by Buckinghamshire Council, as the current Local Planning Authority, without this requirement for the Tring Hill/Upper Icknield Way junction to be upgraded. This oversight was pointed out to the planning authority by this Parish Council during the public consultation stage, but was dismissed. The Halton SPG fails to require the upgrading of the Tring Hill/Upper Icknield Way junction as a planning requirement, despite the fact that Tring Hill/ Upper Icknield Way is mentioned in the SPG as a haul road for this development. This section of road and junction links the A41 with the Upper Icknield Way.
Halton SPG:
6.4 Movement and Access:
Current transport infrastructure serving the site includes:
B4009 (Upper Icknield Way) which passes through the site from Wendover to Tring (connecting the A413 to A41)
3.5.8 Off-site connections and off-site highways works:
There will be a need to provide general traffic calming strategy around Halton to avoid rat running via Weston Turville and encourage development traffic to route via A41 and A413.
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Known and likely requirements for new infrastructure provision are set out in Policy D HAL003 and include:

Junction improvements onto the B4009 Upper Icknield Way

You will notice from the above that the Tring Hill/Upper Icknield Way junction is not mentioned by name as requiring improvement, although the A41 is mentioned as a haul road and the only way of getting from the A41 at Tring to Halton is via the Tring Hill/Upper Icknield Way junction.

With regard to the RAF Halton development your letter to our MP states that the Highway Authority has not committed to improvements at this junction. Therefore, there is no guarantee that even if the Halton development goes ahead as planned there will be any improvements made to this junction, even though it meets the planning needs in terms of necessity, direct relation to the development and proportionality. This is not acceptable in terms of road safety within this Parish.

We acknowledge your points relating to reintroducing the slip road, but would like to point out that the VAS sign which you mention has still not been repaired despite many assurances that it would be and no updates have been provided to the Parish Council.

Buckland Wharf:

Speed reduction markings to reinforce the 30mph limit: we welcome the fact that Buckinghamshire Council will assess the condition of the existing road markings and consider them for inclusion in the 2026/27 capital programme.

Buckland Wharf is now suffering even more vehicles exceeding the 30mph speed limit, particularly in the Tring direction, as a result of the traffic calming having been introduced in Aston Clinton. Drivers heading for Tring come through traffic-calmed Aston Clinton, then see a long straight road leading from Aston Clinton up Tring Hill, and immediately go faster, completely ignoring the 30mph speed limit in Buckland Wharf.

When local residents and the Parish Council complain to Buckinghamshire Council about speeding traffic in Buckland Wharf putting pedestrians in danger, we are told to carry out Community Speedwatch or buy an MVAS, because this will have an impact on driver behaviour, and once evidence has been provided then Thames Valley Police can be asked to carry out speed checks in the area. Thames Valley Police regularly carry out speed checks in this area – they have been doing it for years. This data has been passed to Buckinghamshire Council for action, but without any positive results. Do we have to wait for a fatality to occur before any action is taken?

28th January 2026

This evening two accidents occurred within a very short space of time: one at the junction of Tring Hill with the Upper Icknield Way and one at Buckland Wharf. The accident at the Tring Hill junction was caused by a vehicle pulling out from Upper Icknield Way into the side of a stationary vehicle waiting (and indicating) to turn right from Tring Hill into Upper Icknield Way. There were no serious injuries, one vehicle was written off, the police attended and the road was closed.

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We look forward to receiving your comments on the adopted Halton SPG and the Tring Hill/Upper Icknield Way junction, as well as the increased danger from speeding vehicles at Buckland Wharf as a consequence of the introduction of traffic calming in Aston Cinton.

Yours sincerely

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Sent on behalf of Buckland Parish Council

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