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I refer to the North East Thatcham Development scheme Transport Assessment where it includes an access to and from the site on to Harts Hill Road this proposal is bordering on the suicidal, Harts Hill Road is dare I say it a 'Challenging' drive to say the least, it is a narrow road, undulating, and with several sharp bends along its length it has a speed restriction of 40 mph until it reaches the boundary with the Village of Upper Bucklebury where it reduces to 30 mph, the road itself is subjected to frequent water encroachment from the surrounding fields and as we saw in the latter part of January and early February this year when the temperature drops to below freezing the road surface ices over and several vehicles using it lost control, collisions were frequent with the road having to be closed all be it temporarily many times, there is a likelihood of serious Road Traffic Collisions being created, I myself can recall at least one Fatal Traffic Collision and also several injury Road Traffic Coisions occurring upon this road.

The Policies of previous Governments in the reduction of Police Road Traffic Patrols has resulted in a free for all amongst some motorists resulting in driving standards falling at an alarming rate thereby Road Traffic Collisions from minor right through to fatalities and increased substantially year on year as a result.

This proposal would also increase the traffic flow through Upper Bucklebury for vehicles heading East towards Reading and North towards Oxford in part some of these roads do not have pedestrian walkways or footpath increasing the danger to residents on foot, bearing in mind scheduled bus service serving the residents was removed by West Berkshire Council some years ago.

This proposal makes a mockery of the Sustainability Appraisal in the Strategic Environmental Assessment which accompanies the Local Plan where Objective 4 is to promote and maximise opportunities for all forms of safe and sustainable transport with an assessment to Reduce Accidents and improve Safety whatever is the point of seeking professional advice in such matters if it is to be ignored by the Planning Policies. West Berkshire Councils Assessment that this proposal is likely to have a positive impact on Road Safety as safe travel will be critical to the design of the site.

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