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Following the article in the Bucks Free Press 12 April 2013, I wish to object to the Planning Inspector's deletion of the proposals for a link road from Malthouse Way/Pound Lane to West Street following an initial examination of WDC 's DSA Allocation Plan document. I also want to counter the comments made in the press article. The need for this western relief road to the town centre is even more necessary than it was when devised over 20 years ago. In deed Malthouse Way was clearly designed to extend to West Street for this purpose. It was only the site owners' reluctance to develop the intervening land having lost their application for a new supermarket that prevented this essential link being built years ago. Some might refer to the proposed link road as a 'threat' but this is not the case. It has been openly know for all the time and before any local residential development took place. It is claimed by an individual that the route would ruin historic buildings and make residents lives a nightmare. Nonsense. As the road would pass through a council car park no properties in West Street would be affected. Of course passing traffic would use the road to avoid the High Street and its northern junction as that is its purpose. However following development all the Portlands site traffic would also pass along Malthouse way as there is no other entry/exit for the development site. The Portlands site owners would obvious clear the site including a short row of old villas and erect as many residences as possible especially as (claimed) omission of the link road would allow even more properties. All this 'extra' traffic in and out of the Portlands site would add to existing flows in and out of the adjacent brewery site. So the volume and passage of traffic along the proposed link road would make very little difference but would importantly free up flows around the High Street especially for those heading westwards. As a side effect residents of the Harwood and Penwood Road areas would benefit as some of this avoiding traffic currently uses these roads as a short cut to West Street.

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