

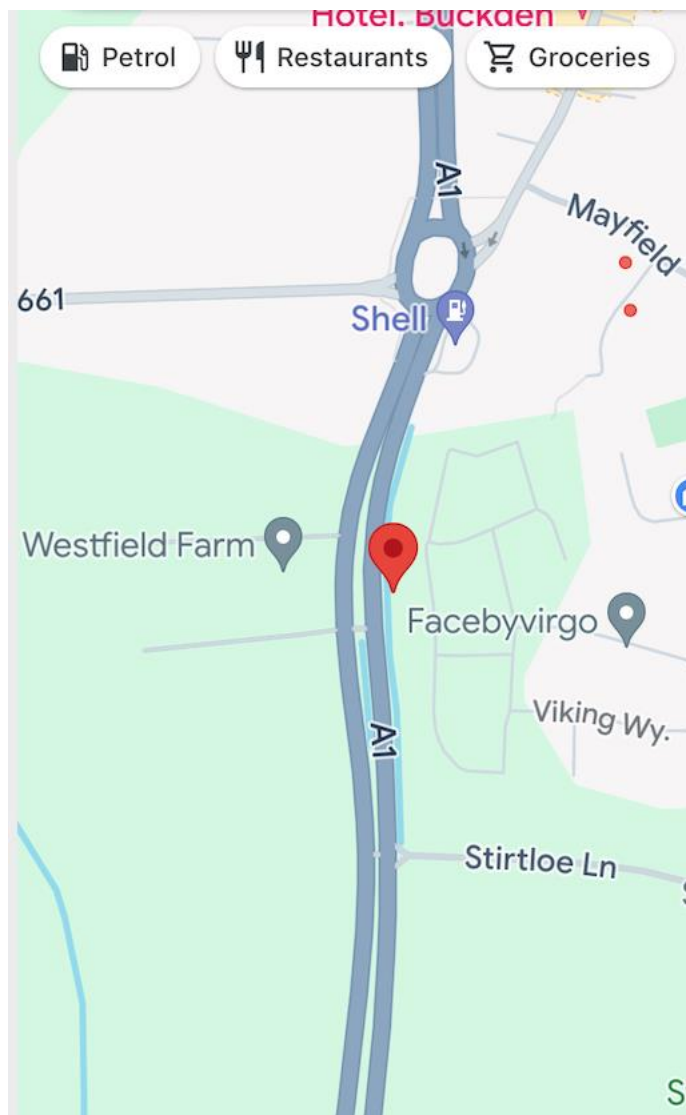
Report from Village Maintenance Advisory Group Chairman

TO DISCUSS ISSUES IDENTIFIED FOLLOWING COUNCIL'S DECISION TO PLACE AN EXTRA WASTE BIN ADJACENT TO A1 SOUTHBOUND LAYBY CLOSE TO BUCKDEN ROUNDABOUT.

Following the issue of litter adjacent to the A1 Southbound layby (see pin on map) raised by a resident, VMAG and the Clerk have been investigating practical issues relating to the emptying by HDC of a bin at this location.

HDC has been helpful but raised some concerns. The manager wrote: *"I have spoken to a few people in the team about this location. The team do feel that it may be useful putting a bin here but there are concerns about this layby. The layby itself is quite often full of vehicles so we cannot always get in. Apparently there has also been discussions about shutting the layby due to difficulties getting safely in and out due to the speed of passing traffic. I don't know if that will ever happen but apparently it has been discussed."*

Council is asked to consider whether they still wish the Clerk to purchase the additional bin cost ca £600 if it cannot always be emptied – see also **text box**. Would a sometimes-overflowing bin be a problem that is significant enough to change Council's decision to spend capital and revenue on this problem?



HDC have confirmed that, in line with our contract, they can add extra bins to their regular collection round with an additional charge.

On 01 February HDC added the following comment to Clerk who had asked whether there might be circumstances which meant it was not possible/safe for HDC to empty this extra bin.

Their manager wrote:

"I think the biggest issue with the layby is pulling back out onto the A1. Particularly if the layby is busy you have to pull straight out without having chance to build up any speed and I'm sure you know how fast the traffic comes past."

However, if there are regular issues with litter in this layby then we could certainly try it and see how it goes."

Councillors to note that, for safety reasons, our staffing arrangements explicitly exclude any work by the handymen on or adjacent to the A1.