

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 4 Farmers End
: Charvil, Berkshire
: RG10 9RZ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Ralph Page
DATE SUBMITTED : 02/01/2026

COMMENTS:

I am writing to lodge my objection in the strongest terms to this planning application for a fuel depot adjacent to a nature reserve and accessible only thru residential villages. This placement of a fuel depot in this location is completely inappropriate for the following reasons:

Flood Risk & Drainage - the planning statement & Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) imply that flood risk is limited to the extremities of the site. This application attempts to gloss over the severe flood risk in this area and the scale of the damage to lakes, the River Loddon and River Thames if the fuel entered the eco system? The site sits on ground with known instability and is prone to flooding with a high water table. No matter how careful the owners are, history has shown that unplanned accidents can, and will, happen. With over 800,000 litres of fuel stored within 10m of the lakes even the slightest mishap will cause huge damage to the area.

Roads and Access: There is no doubt whatsoever that there will be serious and dangerous traffic impact on the Old Bath Road. This is a small rural road between two villages with a blind bend before the entrance. The existing tyre depot occasionally has single HGV's entering the adjacent site and these single vehicles cause delay and block both carriageways while manoeuvring. The proposal estimates 132 vehicle movements per weekday, including 59 HGVs and articulated lorries weighing up to 42 tonnes. The turning radius required for these vehicles forces them into the opposite carriageway, directly into oncoming traffic exiting a bend. This is not my opinion, this is fact which can be easily confirmed. This route is used daily by children, pedestrians, and commuters and therefore the risk of serious accidents is unavoidable. The application states that 'the peak hourly arrival figure of 23 vehicles equates to around one HGV every three minutes (2.6 minutes). It is therefore not anticipated that there

would be any queuing within the site or back onto the access road or Old Bath Road due capacity provided within the site. As such, it is considered that the above trip estimates could be accommodated on the local highway network without detriment'. This is nonsense based on assumption that each vehicle arrives 2.6 minutes after the previous one. What happens when there is heavy traffic (which occurs most mornings and evenings) and 7 or 8 HGVs all arrive at the same time?

This application is totally inappropriate. It poses clear and present risks to public safety, environmental health, and community wellbeing. It's not a case of if there will be a leak or traffic incident but when. The scale of fuel storage, sheer scale of traffic, and proximity to nature reserves make it wholly unsuitable. I urge the planning committee to reject this proposal unequivocally and protect the integrity of our village and its surroundings.