

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 20 Gingells Farm Road
: Charvil
: RG10 9DJ
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Kate Hellmuth
DATE SUBMITTED : 04/12/2025

COMMENTS:

I am very concerned by the planning application 252782 and wish to register my objection. The proposal of storing fuel and oil next to a country park which suffers regular flooding is clearly a risk for environmental and possible contamination reasons, not to mention the cost of a clean-up operation if that were to happen. To anyone familiar with the location of the proposal, it is quite clear that this is not a suitable site, which brings me to my primary objective which is road and public safety. The site is on a semi-rural road between Charvil and Twyford, which I use multiple times a day to access Twyford train station and to take my 7 year old daughter to school. Already, when there is a large lorry parked on the old bath road at the site, I have witnessed near accidents as the bend in the road limits visibility. The road itself is fairly narrow and the pavement even narrower, not allowing me to walk side-by side with my daughter on the footpath, and having to step into the road to pass somebody walking opposite. The application heightens collision risk and severe congestion for many commuters who rely on this road, especially at peak times. It is not right that in a rural setting such as this, families cannot walk to school due to the risk of a serious accident caused by heavy lorries using the site. The characteristics of the road are incompatible with tanker movement, with swept-path constraints and structure limitations meaning verge or footpath overrun is likely, causing further damage and risk to other road users. It is an entirely inappropriate site.

I urge you to reject this proposal and avoid the many issues that would surely arise from such a development, and advise the applicant to find a suitable location, with proper access, away from nature parks and school children. It places a disproportionate environmental and public safety burden on a small village and cherished country park for no demonstrated local need.