

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 33 Harvard Close
: Reading, Berkshire
: RG5 4UJ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Graham Mayer
DATE SUBMITTED : 04/12/2025

COMMENTS:

Dear Sir Madam,

I am writing to object to this planning application for the proposed fuel depot in Charvil, the old prince brothers site. This is an area that I value as an angler of the neighbouring lakes and as a regular user of the lakes footpaths and area of nature. The area is within a known potential flood area.

My concerns with this application include:

The closeness of the fuel depot in relation to the fishing lake risks contamination of the lake and surrounding footpaths and walkways which could cause contamination to the lake and surrounding natural areas impacting on fish stocks and wildlife. Even minor leaks could impact this area and have negative consequences on the water quality, plants, birds, peoples pet dogs and other wildlife. The lake supports a number of plants and wildlife and is an area much used by the local community and people travelling from further afield to enjoy the area. Any pollutants entering the area could have huge impacts on the wildlife and ecosystem and take many years to reverse damage if it is at all reversible.

The area sits within an area that is at risk of flooding. With massive housing developments going up in the surrounding area, even further upstream of the river Loddon in areas even miles away from the site such as Winnersh, Woodley etc will only contribute to the area being even more at risk of flood than in recent and previous years. The

location of this fuel depot in such a location that would trigger any fuel escape being carried into the surrounding area including the lakes even further a field than the current site to local properties, waterways and agricultural land.

Increased heavy goods vehicles visiting the site will cause noise disturbance to the peaceful area, destroy the road quality leading into and from the site and have a significant impact on traffic congestion in and around the site.

The fishing lake and surrounding paths are an important local amenity enjoyed by many locals as many people that travel from further afield to enjoy this recreational facility. Approving a fuel depot in this area will discourage the use of an amenity that is valued by so many.

I urge you to refuse this application, the environmental risks, flood hazards and negative impacts on wildlife and community outweigh any potential benefits that this site will provide.

Kind regards

Graham Mayer