

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 22 The Hawthorns
: Charvil, Berkshire
: RG10 9TS
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Helen Ferguson
DATE SUBMITTED : 04/12/2025

COMMENTS:

I object to the planning application to create a fuel storage and distribution facility in very close proximity to village residences, on a narrow road and adjacent to the nature reserves at Charvil Country Park.

The impact of a heavy industry relying on HGVs with high number of daily journeys in the local community is dangerous due to the school routes being used by families and young people walking to Charvil Piggott or Wargrave Piggott schools; local commuters walking to Twyford, cyclists and other pedestrians on a road which is already hazardous with a blind bend where this yard is situated and where wet, foggy or icy weather creates enough risk to manage. For high sided vehicles to turn across the Old Bath Road into this site, much of the road use would be impeded with reduced visibility for other road users. Public safety should be the highest priority and this threatens the local use of the main road through Charvil village.

I also object to the high volume storage of flammable materials so close to the community of housing, businesses and the nature reserve - the risk to life and damage to the village is an appalling prospect to consider and public safety should not be compromised by this business's dangerous use of the area.

The most important factor for me is the precious facilities offered by the Nature Reserve for wildlife, walks and wellbeing - maintained as a community asset by many local people and charities alongside the parish council. I use the pathways to walk my dog daily - it is a popular destination for many enjoying the outdoor spaces for health benefits, angling, sports etc - and wildlife protection is a huge part of this. The proposed site is metres from the reed beds and water's edge on the lake - home to a wide range of water fowl and river animals - which would be threatened by pollution and other environmental risks of HGV tankers using this site, for hundreds of journeys a week coupled with the fire risk of storing flammable materials.