

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 27 Hurst Park Road
: Twyford, Berkshire
: RG10 0EZ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Adrian Williams
DATE SUBMITTED : 19/12/2025

COMMENTS:

I strongly object to this planning application on numerous grounds. I note at first the this is described as a change of use from a service station to a fuel oil storage facility, but would point out that the "service station" description could mislead into thinking that the prior use dispensed fuels (ie a petrol station or similar) when in fact it did not hold and store large volumes of fuels and was more akin to a car repair business.

Firstly, I have significant environmental objections to a new site, sited on a flood plain and in close proximity - within 10M - of a nature reserve. Regular flooding of Charvil Meadows opposite the proposed development evidence that fuel is highly likely to enter local rivers and waterways. And to note, climate change significantly impacts rainfall intensity with every 1 degree rise in temperature increasing rainfall intensity by 7%, and we are 1.5 degree warmer than pre-industrial times!

Secondly, the infrastructure cannot support the increase in heavy tanker traffic. The B road outside the site also has several narrow bridges heading to Twyford. Egress from the site means that lorries cannot simply enter the road but will have to use both sides of the carriageway causing significant risk to oncoming traffic, and sightlines out of the location are poor. Access for emergency vehicles dealing with any issues at the development will similarly be compromised.

The proposed operating hours, 5am to 6 pm 7 days a week is also incompatible with local residents in the surrounding area. Coupled with the undoubted health risks to humans and animal arising from fuel oils vapours that will be released (anyone living near fuel storage facilities will smell oil, due to evaporative losses) raises further concerns to residents and those travelling to schools and work via the B road