

PLANNING REF : 250959
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 35 Wenlock Edge 35 Wenlock Edge
: Reading
: RG10 9QG
SUBMITTED BY : Miss Julie Easton
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COMMENTS:

I would like to object to this proposal.

The site is surrounded by an area that is a nature reserve. Storage of large amounts of fuel within that area creates a significant risk of pollution and contamination to the nature reserve. Should there be a leak the whole area would be compromised and the large amount of wildlife damaged. In addition, the site is situated in the flood plain area of the lakes and river Loddon. With the site prone to flooding this risk of fuel contaminating the lake and surrounding areas is increased and significant. It takes years to establish a nature reserve with this extent of wildlife which could be destroyed with a fuel leak from the depot. There will also be leaks of fumes into the air affecting both the nature reserve and the air quality in the villages of Charvil and Twyford.

The development of the site as a fuel depot will result in numerous large fuel tankers driving through Charvil on a daily basis - one or two per hour. This is not in keeping with it being a residential area. The noise the vehicles make is not appropriate to a small residential community, and will also make it more dangerous for the teenagers, children and their families who regularly walk along the Old Bath Road.

The entrance to the site is situated just after 'the bends' on the Old Bath Road where there is limited visibility. Fuel tankers pulling out from the site will be turning left across both lanes in a 40mph zone to turn onto the road in order to exit the site, blocking the road with drivers coming off the bends to find a tanker right across their path. This is already dangerous when it occasionally happens with the tyre place there, it will be much more dangerous with multiple tankers an hour turning out.

The road in and out of Charvil has multiple small bridges which have been there for years and I am concerned that the significant increase in heavy traffic will be more than they are built to withstand and that their safety will be affected. I am also concerned that this significant increase in use will affect the road surface detrimentally.

In short - this level of industrial use is inappropriate on a site surrounded by a nature reserve and two residential areas. Multiple fuel tankers driving through Charvil village each day is not in keeping with a residential area of this nature. The potential pollution from the amount of fuel is too risky on a site that is within a nature reserve. There are safety concerns about the frequent access of large fuel tankers onto a road at a point with limited visibility and lack of width for such vehicles.