

PLANNING REF : 250959
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 26 Upper Street
: Totterdown, 26 upper street Totterdown, Bristol, Bristol
: BS4 3BU
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Paul Harris
DATE SUBMITTED : 09/06/2025

COMMENTS:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to register my strong objection to the above planning application. As a regular visitor to the area, I am deeply concerned about the serious and far-reaching impacts this development will have on the environment, public safety, and the quality of life for the community.

My key objections are as follows:

1. Flood Risk and Site Instability

The site is already prone to flooding, and the proposed development will only exacerbate this risk. Introducing heavy infrastructure and altering the natural drainage could lead to increased surface water runoff, jeopardising both the site and neighbouring properties. Furthermore, the inherent instability of the ground raises serious questions about the suitability of any large-scale operations in this location.

2. Pollution and Environmental Damage

The application proposes piping the outflow of waste water directly into the River Loddon. This raises grave concerns about the potential for pollution of a protected and sensitive watercourse, which could cause long-term harm to wildlife and ecosystems. Additionally, the smell of fuel was already evident in the nearby country park during previous unauthorised operations clear evidence of environmental risk.

3. Traffic Safety Risks on Old Bath Road

The development is expected to result in 50+ HGV tanker movements per day, with vehicles exiting the site across both carriageways on a stretch of road between two blind bends an area where speeding is already a common and dangerous issue. This creates an unacceptable level of risk to motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians, and directly contravenes policies designed to protect public safety.

4. Noise, Light and Air Pollution

The proposed 7-day-a-week operation from 6am including bank holidays is utterly inappropriate for a rural and largely residential area. It will bring with it significant noise disturbance, particularly from early-morning operations. The installation of multiple 8-metre lighting poles with floodlights, likely to be used around the clock, will cause extreme light pollution, impacting both human residents and wildlife. There are also serious concerns about air quality degradation from increased diesel emissions, especially with a constant stream of tankers.

5. Unacceptable Impact on the Local Environment and Amenity

This development threatens to undermine the tranquillity and ecological value of the adjacent country park, a cherished local amenity. Its presence and operation will erode the natural environment and greatly diminish the area's character and enjoyment for local people.

In summary, this application is inappropriate, dangerous, and environmentally unsound. It is incompatible with the local infrastructure, the natural landscape, and the wellbeing of residents. I urge the council to reject this proposal outright.

Thank you for considering this objection. Please confirm receipt of this letter and keep me informed of any updates or decisions regarding this application.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Harris