

PLANNING REF : 250959
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 46 Park View Drive North
: 46 Park View Drive North, Charvil, Berkshire
: RG10 9QY
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Angela SILVEY
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COMMENTS:

I strongly object to the Speedy Fuel development plans for the following reasons:

Environmental. The site is on a recognised flood plain and adjacent to Charvil Nature Reserve and Charvil Meadows, both designated Local Wildlife Sites with public access. The risk of ecological damage from any potential fuel leak is very high. This proposal conflicts with: - Wokingham Core Strategy Policy CP7 (Biodiversity), which protects the integrity of wildlife sites and biodiversity. - Policy CP11, which

seeks to safeguard the countryside from inappropriate development. - NPPF Paragraphs 179-180, which require the protection and enhancement of biodiversity, and state that development resulting in significant harm should be refused.

Road Safety. The site is by a blind. The road is already frequently and dangerously blocked by the tyre supplies company that operates from the site. Increasing this by 59 HGV movements every day would be extremely dangerous and foolish. This is the main route connecting the two villages of Charvil and Twyford. Many children cycle this route and as the vehicles would be banned from passing through Twyford (although I have already witnessed Speedy Fuels lorries

ignoring this ban) children and other cyclists would be at high risk sharing the narrow and winding road with HGV fuel lorries. **Pollution.** The area is already emitting strong fuel smells and has been for some time, even though work was not supposed to begin. I also saw illegal vehicle movements on the site. If they are already ignoring the law before permission has been granted, they cannot be trusted to adhere to any restrictions.

The Geo Environmental Risk Assessment commissioned in 2022 by the previous owners, shows the site is largely 'made ground' ie backfill. The survey details the depth and potential instability of this ground with subsidence and cracking in areas. Test bore holes made during this assessment filled with ground water quickly and deep piling would be needed to stabilise the site. This is of particular concern around the southern perimeter bordering the footpath between the site and the north end of Canberra lake. This is the location earmarked for parking bays for 15 fuel tankers and to allow a vehicle wash down area, with all surface run off water and foul water from the site to be fed directly into the Old River Loddon. This is essentially pouring fuel and chemical straight into the River Loddon where it will undoubtedly endanger the wildlife. Surely this cannot be allowed.