

PLANNING REF : 250959
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 6 Stephen Close
: Twyford, Berkshire
: RG10 0XN
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Susan Walker
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COMMENTS:

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed development by Speedy Fuels. As a long-time resident of the area, I feel very worried about what this might mean for our environment, our safety, and our community. Please do take a moment to consider the following concerns.

Environmental Concerns

The proposed site is on a floodplain and right next to Charvil Nature Reserve and Charvil Meadows, which are both designated Local Wildlife Sites. These places are so precious - not just for the wildlife, but for the many people who walk there and enjoy the peace and natural beauty and rely on it for their mental wellbeing.

The thought of fuel leaking so close to these areas is very frightening. It would be devastating for the animals, and for all of us who treasure these green spaces. I understand that this development would go against policies meant to protect the countryside and biodiversity (like Wokingham's CP7 and CP11, and parts of the National Planning Policy Framework). Surely those rules exist for a reason?

Traffic and Safety

The site entrance is near a blind bend, and the road is already quite dangerous. I've seen how it gets blocked by the tyre business that's there now. Adding almost 60 large lorries every day would be madness. This road is used by families, by cyclists, and especially by schoolchildren travelling between Charvil and Twyford. It's narrow, winding, and simply not built for fuel tankers.

And even though I've heard that Speedy Fuels vehicles aren't supposed to go through Twyford, I've already seen some doing just that. If they can't follow the rules now, what happens if they're given permission to expand?

Pollution and Trust

There's already a strong smell of fuel in the area, considering no permission has been granted yet. I've also witnessed vehicle movements on the site that don't look legal. If they're not following the rules now, I'm very worried they won't respect any conditions put in place later. What kind of neighbour would that be?

Ground Stability and Water Risk

An earlier survey done by the previous owners showed the land is mostly filled-in ground -unstable, with signs of subsidence and cracking. They even had water flooding into test boreholes.

I was shocked to hear they want to park 15 fuel tankers there and build a wash-down area, with all the run-off and dirty water being sent straight into the Old River Loddon. That's awful. Pouring polluted water into the river how can that possibly be allowed? It would harm the very heart of our local wildlife and water systems.

In all honesty, I'm deeply distressed by this proposal. It just isn't right for this area for the countryside, the wildlife, or the people who live here. I sincerely hope you will reject these plans and protect the community and environment we all cherish.