

PLANNING REF : 250959
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 69 The Hawthorns
: Charvil, Berkshire
: RG10 9TS
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Zena Chittenden
DATE SUBMITTED : 04/06/2025

COMMENTS:

As a local resident I would like the Council to refuse this planning application. I strongly object to the change of use to a fuel depot in a rural area next to a country park loved by many for it's peaceful, natural environment.

The proposed site is situated in a flood plain next to Charvil Meadows and Charvil Country Park and any leakage would be an ecological disaster and devastating for wildlife. The plans to release waste water into the Old River or local watercourse is an additional contamination risk to local water quality.

The local area is prone to subsidence as demonstrated by the hole that developed in the car park recently.

It is inevitable that there would be an increase in noise, light and air pollution. The smell of fuel when Speedy Fuels were operating illegally was overpowering - this cannot be acceptable in an area where many people are walking in the country park.

The impact on traffic in the area would be exacerbated. The road already comes to a standstill when lorries from neighbouring businesses manoeuvre in and out from the site and adding so many lorry movements would be a disaster. I understand that the lorries cannot go towards Twyford due to air pollution but can apparently come through Charvil to the A4 - that cannot be right. The road is already narrow and dangerous and not suitable for frequent use by fuel tankers. It is used by cyclists and by schoolchildren travelling between Charvil and Twyford. The road surface along the Old Bath Road is breaking up in places and the Council already finds it difficult to keep up with repairs.

This facility would be totally out of character with the residential and rural nature of the local community. It is of no benefit to Charvil and should be rejected.