

PLANNING REF : 252685
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 40a Old Bath Road
: Charvil, Reading
: RG109QR
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Jas Zhou
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COMMENTS:

I'm writing to you to voice our strong objections as a local resident regarding the planned use of the Grove Service Station, Old Bath Road, Charvil. This site has previously been the Prince Brothers Garage and the Keith Vertigan Training Gym. The site had been acquired by Speedy Fuels Ltd and is already operating as a Biofuel supply depot. The reasons are as follows:

1. Impact on Charvil Country Park. The Speedy Fuels site is immediately adjacent to Charvil Country Park which is of significant importance for local nature.
2. Flood Risk and Local Waterways. The site sits within Flood Zone 3, especially the recent increase in wetter summers means the potential risk of flooding on the site is increasing.
3. Site Safety. The wider White Bridge industrial area is already busy with the large Total Tyres site at Denmark House next door regularly having articulated lorries parked outside, obstructing the highway and providing a hazard to other road users.
4. Fire Safety. Whilst increased risk of fire due to the storage of volatile biodiesel should be addressed, we are concerned the accessibility of the site during a period of flood would compromise any emergency response.
5. Degradation of Active Travel Options. The Old Bath Road represents the only direct route from Charvil to Twyford. The extra traffic will not only negatively impact car users with increased journey times but will also make the route less attractive to cyclists and pedestrians on what is already demonstrably a challenging active travel environment, causing further car dependency in Charvil.
6. Road Traffic Accidents. There have been 13 road accidents attended by Thames Valley Police on the Old Bath Road between this site and the Charvil mini roundabout from 2011 to 2022 including 1 fatality, 1 serious accident and 11 slight accidents.
7. Child Safety. Approximately 250 schoolchildren in Charvil attend The Piggott School (Wargrave). The vast majority live south of the Old Bath Road and need to cross it on their daily walk or cycle to school.
8. Charvil-Sonning Roundabout. Significant existing congestion on the Charvil

roundabout caused by the limited capacity of the Thames crossing at Sonning will be worsened with additional lorries being routed here at peak times. 9. Local Traffic Increase (HGV). If a further 22 lorries and 6 trailers begin to operate from this site these can be added to the recently increased figure of 20 tankers operating from the ABS site on Park Lane.

We would very much appreciate it if you could take our concerns into account and help us to make our voices heard.