

PLANNING REF : 252782  
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 20 Park View Drive South  
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: RG10 9QX  
SUBMITTED BY : Ms Laura Harris  
DATE SUBMITTED : 08/12/2025

COMMENTS:

I object to application 252782 on the grounds of inappropriate development, increased highway safety risk, negative impact on residents and loss of amenity, significant environmental risk to the local area and specifically the neighbouring nature reserve.

1. Highway Safety and Access Concerns - the main access to the site is on the Old Bath Road which is a narrow, winding road with a narrow pavement along one side. This road is frequently used by cyclist, often children, and the prospect of HGVs travelling along it every 3 minutes is a obvious and real concern to safety of the users. The pavement is narrow and can only just accommodate two people passing leaving them very close to the road. 30 meters from the site access there is a public footpath entrance / exit into the nature reserve, with a limited stretch of pavement on this side of the road walkers are already required to make a dangerous crossing which will only been worsened with the increase in HGV traffic and them turning in to the site.

Often an HGV is parked outside the site for the current businesses which causes traffic congestion and risk as they are passed with limited view due to the bend in the road. With the proposed new vehicles entering and exiting this will cause additional congestion and risk. HGVs exiting towards Charvil will have to straddle the centre line of the road, putting them in the path of cars heading towards Twyford which are travelling around a blind bend with a speed limit of 40mph.

The proposed development with its expected vehicle movements gives significant increased risk to vulnerable walkers and cyclists and increased risk to other road users.

2. Impact on residents, loss of amenity - the proposed development has long daily operating hours, this will impact on nearby residents and users of the country park and nature reserve adjacent to the site with additional noise, light, and odour pollution. When the business was previously operating, prior to receiving the appropriate authorisations, there would often be an overwhelming smell of fuel.

3. Environmental Risk - the potential of using this location to store hundreds of thousands of litres of fuel adjacent to the nature reserve must pose a serious risk of contamination. Fuel tanks will be underground, which gives no visibility of leakage. Any spillages on the surface will be washed into the drainage and directly in to the river, lakes and further on to the River Thames. This would have a catastrophic impact on the wildlife that lives in this area, and even further afield.

The site is in the middle of a flood zone, and while it may not flood regularly with climate change issues, we are all aware of, the chance of it flooding in future years is a real possibility. Only one flood would be needed to contaminate the nature reserve. This cannot be allowed to happen.

To summarise I consider this to be a completely inappropriate development for this site due to highway safety concerns, the impact on the residents with loss of amenity, and the significant environmental risk this poses on the nature reserve which is immediately adjacent. This is a residential area, and while some commercial use is to be expected common sense must prevail that this is not a site suitable for a fuel storage and distribution business. On these grounds I strongly object to this application.