

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Strathmore Drive
: Reading, Berkshire
: RG10 9QT
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs T Cloke
DATE SUBMITTED : 08/12/2025

COMMENTS:

I am writing with regard to planning application 252782 and strongly object to the proposed fuel storage and distribution depot on Old Bath Road, Charvil.

Environmental Risk

The location is next to Charvil Country Park, and close to the river Loddon and the lakes an area that is susceptible to flooding more so in recent years with climate change occurring.

Storing diesel and other fuels on this site presents an unacceptable contamination risk to the rivers, lakes and local soil and groundwater. If a spillage occurred during flooding containment would be impossible causing irreversible ecological harm.

Health and safety risks

Fire and explosion risks from large volumes of fuel and fume hazard to nearby homes.

The Old Bath Road already struggles with HGVs accessing the site with them parked on the road and blocking the road when turning into the site. Introducing more vehicles will increase safety risks to pedestrians and road users.

Highway Safety

The site is close to a bend in the road which increases risk of collisions on the main route from Charvil to Twyford and Twyford station.

The proposal will intensify traffic on an already busy road with visibility issues and narrow footpaths. Estimated weekly movements of 132 vehicles damaging road surfaces and increasing air pollution. Not to mention heightened risks to pedestrians/ cyclists travelling on foot and crossing the road at school peak times.

Operating Hours and Noise

The proposed operating hours 5am to 6pm 7 days a week with tanker's potentially arriving outside these hours will be disturbing to local residents with increased noise and air pollution.

This operation is entirely inappropriate for a site close to 1000 homes, a nature reserve, and recreation areas.

The applicant previously operated on this site in Dec 24 without a licence demonstrating a disregard to policy and the law.

The nature of this proposal is absurd and I am concerned that a 2nd more invasive and ambitious proposal has been made. The concerns raised (above) makes this development entirely inappropriate for this location.

I respectfully ask that application 252782 be refused.

Yours faithfully
T Cloke