

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Charvil
: Reading
: RG10 9QF
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Michelle Ritchie
DATE SUBMITTED : 02/12/2025

COMMENTS:

Objection to Planning Application: Fuel Depot, Old Bath Road
I strongly oppose this proposal. Building a massive fuel depot holding over 837,000 litres of hazardous fuel beside our homes, schools, and the River Loddon nature reserve is deeply alarming. This is an industrial operation forced into the heart of a residential

community, and it puts lives, wildlife, and the character of our villages at real risk.

Traffic alone makes this plan dangerous. Over 130 vehicle movements a day, including almost 60 heavy lorries, would be funnelled through a narrow, already unsafe stretch of road. These lorries cannot turn safely without crossing into oncoming traffic. Children, pedestrians and cyclists use this route every day this is an accident waiting to happen.

The environmental risk is just as serious. The land is unstable, flood prone, and completely unsuitable for fuel storage. Any leak even a small one would flow straight into the River Loddon and its surrounding lakes, destroying habitats that our community cherishes.

Claims of "biodiversity gain" are misleading. Planting six trees does not balance the ecological damage this depot would cause. And the need for heavy retaining walls shows the site is fundamentally the wrong place for such a development.

Twyford and Charvil are not industrial estates. Approving this application would endanger residents, harm our environment, and permanently change the character of our villages.

This depot is unsafe, unnecessary, and in the wrong place. I urge the planning committee to reject it outright.