

PLANNING REF : 252782  
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Inglewood  
: Beggars Hill Road, Reading, Berks  
: RG10 0UB  
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Andrea Cranmer  
DATE SUBMITTED : 10/12/2025

COMMENTS:

Formal Objection to Planning Application: Proposed Fuel Depot, Old Bath Road

I strongly object to this application.

The proposal to construct a fuel depot storing over 837,000 litres of hazardous fuel oil on the edge of a residential village and adjacent to a nature reserve is not just inappropriate it is reckless.

1. Industrial-Scale Fuel Storage in a Residential Zone

- The site would house 711 tonnes of fuel, including kerosene, diesel, gas oil, heating oil, and hybrid vegetable oil. This is an industrial facility masquerading as a local business.
- The proximity to homes, schools, and the River Loddon nature reserve makes this a clear threat to public safety and environmental integrity.

2. Dangerous Traffic Impact on Old Bath Road

This for me is the most significant as I have had several near misses when the tyre delivery trucks pull up alongside the road.

- The proposal estimates 132 vehicle movements per weekday, including 59 HGVs and articulated lorries weighing up to 42 tonnes.
- The turning radius required for these vehicles forces them into the opposite carriageway, directly into oncoming traffic exiting a bend. This is not hypothetical it is visible in site photos.
- The road is already compromised by parked delivery vehicles at the adjacent tyre depot, creating a choke point and collision risk. - This route is used daily by children, pedestrians, and commuters. The risk of serious accidents is unavoidable.

3. Environmental Contamination and Flood Risk

- The site sits on made ground with known instability, and is prone to flooding with a high water table.
- The proposal includes a surface water and treated sewage outfall pipe running directly into the River Loddon. This is a nature reserve, not an industrial drain.
- Any fuel leakage or runoff inevitable over time will contaminate the river and adjoining lakes, with devastating ecological consequences.

It is madness and there will be an accident or possible death if this goes ahead! Please stop this