

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 129
: The Hawthorns Charvil, Reading, Berkshire
: RG10 9TT
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Fayaz Mohammed
DATE SUBMITTED : 11/12/2025

COMMENTS:

I wish to object to planning application 252782 (PP/14482836) for the proposed fuel oil storage and distribution facility at the former Prince Bros / Grove Service Station, Old Bath Road, Charvil.

This proposed development poses significant environmental, safety, and traffic risks that are incompatible with the residential and ecological character of Charvil.

1. Environmental and Community Impact

The site lies close to lakes, the village park, and residential areas, all of which contribute to Charvil's peaceful rural setting.

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storage of large volumes of fuel oil presents a high risk of contamination to local water bodies and air quality. Such industrial activity is entirely out of character with the surrounding environment, which residents value for its clean air, natural habitats, and tranquil lifestyle.

2. Traffic Safety and Congestion

Old Bath Road is a narrow, heavily used route that experiences congestion during peak hours. Even a single large vehicle currently disrupts traffic flow and causes delays. The addition of frequent fuel tanker movements entering and exiting the site would severely worsen congestion and create significant safety hazards, especially for children and cyclists who regularly use the road. The turning of heavy vehicles into the site has historically led to blockages, a steady flow of tankers would make conditions unsafe and intolerable.

3. Incompatibility with the Area

Charvil is a quiet parish community where families settle for its safety, good schools, and village atmosphere. The introduction of a hazardous fuel depot undermines these qualities and is inappropriate for a small residential parish. This development would permanently alter the area's character and diminish the quality of life for residents.

For the reasons outlined above, I strongly urge the council to refuse this application and preserve the peaceful and environmentally sensitive nature of Charvil.