

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 69 The Hawthorns
: Charvil, Berkshire
: RG10 9TS
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Andrew Chittenden
DATE SUBMITTED : 27/11/2025

COMMENTS:

The site is adjacent to areas of natural beauty and flood plains. I am concerned that a fuel spill and/or flooding could have adverse ecological impacts to the surrounding areas. When this site was operating previously without permission at the end of 2024, there were significant fume smells noticed along the Old Bath Road. What is being done to prevent those fumes?

As far as traffic is concerned:

* the application states that the peak rate of lorries would be 23 per hour. Apart from the extra lorry traffic through a residential area which would disturb the residents along the route, there would be significant impact to rush hour traffic. There is also potential for queuing to get into and out of the site on the Old Bath Road. Queuing theory says that the site would need to be able to deal with twice the rate of 23 per hour in order not to create a backlog: if it can't then there will be queuing on the Old Bath Road. If that happens, then there will be even more impact to local rush hour traffic.

* sometimes there are lorries parked outside an adjacent business making it hard to navigate between Charvil and Twyford. They also reverse into that site causing traffic on the Old Bath Road to stop and wait for the manoeuvres to finish. On 25th November 2025 at about 13:10, I witnessed two HGVs parked outside the site on opposite sides of the road slightly offset from each other creating a chicane through which traffic had to queue including the bus I was on. If that were to happen whilst these extra lorries from Speedy Fuels were trying to navigate to and from the site, then chaos would ensue.

* the additional lorries would also increase the risk for cyclists and pedestrians using that route.