

PLANNING REF : 251705
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 163 Broad Hinton
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SUBMITTED BY : Ms Fernanda Rossatto
DATE SUBMITTED : 08/12/2025

COMMENTS:

Dear Case Officer,

I object to this application on transport and highway safety grounds. While there are broader environmental concerns associated with the proposal, the main focus of this objection is the effect it will have on the daily driving, cycling and walking corridor between Charvil and Twyford, a route that is heavily used by school children.

This corridor is a critical link between the two villages. It is used every weekday by families and pupils travelling to and from local schools, particularly at peak drop off and pick up times when the route is already under the greatest strain. My own children attend Colleton Primary School in Twyford and use this road regularly, as do many other children travelling between Charvil and Twyford. Any intensification of traffic on this route directly increases risk to vulnerable users.

Increased danger to children walking and cycling to school

The proposal will generate additional vehicle movements along a route that already experiences conflict between cars, cyclists and pedestrians. During school peak periods the road is routinely used by children on foot and on bicycles, often with limited separation from traffic. Extra traffic, more frequent turning movements, and greater pressure on junctions and crossing points will materially raise the likelihood of near misses and collisions. This is not a speculative concern. It reflects the day to day reality of the route.

Failure to protect an established active travel corridor

The Charvil Twyford link is not an optional or occasional path. It is the most direct and practical route for school journeys, community access, links to Twyford station, and everyday travel between the villages. Development affecting this corridor must demonstrate that it will not worsen safety or deter walking and cycling. The application does not show how pedestrian and cyclist safety will be maintained, nor does it offer any meaningful improvement to reduce existing conflicts. In effect, the scheme shifts additional traffic onto a sensitive school travel route without adequate safeguards.

Lack of route specific assessment

The transport evidence provided does not appear to address the specific risks created for school age pedestrians and cyclists using the Charvil Twyford corridor. A robust assessment should explicitly test:

- * school peak hour impacts, including drop off and pick up periods *
- cumulative effects with other nearby developments
- * the safety of child pedestrians and cyclists along the full corridor
- * deliverable mitigation that is funded and in place from first occupation

Without this, the authority cannot reasonably conclude that impacts on safety are acceptable.

Conclusion

For these reasons, the proposal would create an unacceptable increase in highway risk and would undermine a well used walking and cycling route between Charvil and Twyford relied upon daily by many children, including those travelling to Colleton Primary School and other local schools. This is a clear and substantial material planning harm. I therefore request that planning permission be refused.

Yours faithfully,
Fernanda Rossatto