

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 55 East Park Farm Drive
: Charvil
: RG10 9UG
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Simon Chadwell
DATE SUBMITTED : 09/12/2025

COMMENTS:

To the Members of the Planning Committee,

I am writing to object to the proposed fuel depot adjacent to Charvil Country Park, and the River Loddon. While I appreciate the need to consider economic development, I believe this location is unsuitable for the following reasons:

- Environmental Protection
- The river and surrounding country park are sensitive natural areas. Any spill or contamination could cause lasting harm to wildlife and water quality.
- Industrial activity so close to a conservation area undermines efforts to preserve biodiversity and natural heritage.
- Public Health and Safety
- Residents would be exposed to increased risks of accidents, fires, and hazardous leaks.
- Noise and air pollution from depot operations would negatively affect residents' wellbeing.
- Traffic and Infrastructure
- Local roads are already congested; heavy vehicle traffic from the depot would worsen congestion and increase accident risks.
- The village infrastructure is not designed to handle industrial-scale transport.
- Damage to road surfaces caused by heavy vehicles will increase highway maintenance costs
- Community and Economic Impact
- The depot would diminish the quality of life for residents and reduce the attractiveness of the village as a place to live.
- The country park is a valuable recreational asset; industrial development nearby would deter visitors and harm local businesses.
- Sustainability Considerations
- Approving a fuel depot contradicts wider commitments to sustainable development and climate responsibility.
- Alternative sites should be explored that do not place such pressure on sensitive environments and communities.

I urge the committee to weigh these risks carefully. Protecting the environment, safeguarding public health, and preserving the character of our community must take precedence over short-term industrial gain.

Yours sincerely,
Simon Chadwell