

PLANNING REF : 250959
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Lincoln Gardens
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SUBMITTED BY : Ms Bianca Louwers
DATE SUBMITTED : 07/06/2025

COMMENTS:

Planning Application Number: 250959

iLAP Number: None

Site Address: Former Prince Bros Service Station" Old Bath Road
Reading

Description: Full application for demolition of two existing buildings and a garage and the change of use from service station to a fuel oil storage and distribution facility including the recladding of the existing building, installation of 8 no. fuel oil storage tanks, refurbishment of hardstanding, car parking and associated works.

Date Received: 17 April 2025

Date Valid: 02 May 2025

Decision Type:

Application Status: Valid

Applicant Name & Address: - - -

The Oil Centre Bury New Road Heap Bridge, Bury, Lancashire BL9 7HY

Agent Name & Address: Mr Mike Hughes

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Agent Phone No: 01772965376

I object to the above planning application on the following grounds:

The A3032 Old Bath Road is a narrow country road with many bends and speed restrictions. There is very little pavement with poor visibility which does not allow pedestrians to pass each other without one party stepping into the road, especially if one party has a wheelchair, pushchair or is walking with a child or a dog - equally it is not safe for cyclists sharing the road with motor vehicles. This development and the increase in HGV trucks (up to 132 per day) driving in/out of the site and along the A3032 will increase the risk to all pedestrians and cyclists even further and discourage people from accessing the adjacent Loddon Nature Reserve and environs.

This development would be detrimental to the surrounding area particularly to wildlife and the environment. The site is very close to a number of sensitive areas which are important in terms of wildlife and biodiversity, namely the River Loddon, the Loddon Nature Reserve, Charvil Country Park and Charvil Meadows. This development brings danger to the environment from any fuel spill; contamination of the River Loddon would have consequences on the River Thames and the biodiversity of all areas, including the two rivers.

Due to the nature of the proposed development and the flammable liquids involved, it would introduce the risk of serious fire. There are no local fire stations, the nearest stations are Earley and

Caversham, both of which would not be a quick response, with any fire therefore posing a danger to the country parks and their wildlife.

The planning application should be refused.