

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 82 Old Bath Road Charvil
: Reading, Berkshire
: RG10 9QL
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Karen Ostrowski
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COMMENTS:

I vehemently oppose the storage of dangerous fuels on this site which is only 10 houses away from my property and land where I have lived for the past 30 years. Every year the river Loddon's water floods onto the nearby flood plains and engulfs the area where Speedy Fuels are situated. With climate change making flooding worse and more frequent it is only a matter of time before the water floods onto the site itself. My concerns are as to how this could affect our local environment and our precious wildlife. On a personal note, I treasure my large garden with its wildlife pond full of various insects and creatures vital to the food chain. I have also volunteered regularly for the past 4 years at our local Hedgehog Rescue, whereby I have released 12 rehabilitated hedgehogs into my garden. Hedgehogs, which for many years now have been an endangered species, are generally solitary creatures, who travel up to one or two miles in a night. These released animals will have moved off into surrounding gardens and fields to hopefully increase the sadly depleted natural population. Inevitable leakages of fuel and subsequent flooding of the site will devastate their habitat by its residual pollution, and undo all the good works the Rescue, along with many others have done in a bid to help hedgehogs.

The increased traffic through our small village is another of my big concerns. This site is right on a bend which has a 40 MPH speed limit. When the huge lorries park on the road adjacent to the site, car drivers are forced to overtake on a blind bend. I have had to do this myself many times and it's scary. With more lorries parking there, exiting and entering, it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident.