

PLANNING REF : 250959
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 15A Charvil House Road
: Charvil, Berkshire
: RG10 9RD
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Gareth Maloney
DATE SUBMITTED : 30/05/2025

COMMENTS:

I strongly object to the proposed fuel storage facility in Charvil on the following grounds:

1. Environmental Risk:

Fuel storage poses a significant risk of soil, groundwater, and surface water contamination in the event of leaks or spills. Charvil's proximity to the River Thames and surrounding wetlands makes it particularly vulnerable to pollution, which could have a severe impact on local ecosystems, wildlife, and biodiversity.

2. Safety Concerns:

Fuel storage inherently carries a risk of fire and explosion, especially in populated or residential areas. The proposed site's proximity to homes, schools, and community facilities raises serious concerns about the safety of residents in the event of an accident or emergency.

3. Traffic and Air Quality Impacts:

Fuel storage facilities typically attract heavy vehicle traffic, including fuel tankers. This would increase congestion on local roads, raise air pollution levels, and compromise pedestrian and cyclist safety in Charvil. Given the village's semi-rural character, this is an unacceptable intrusion on residents' quality of life.

4. Incompatibility with Local Plan and Community Values: A fuel storage site would be incompatible with Charvil's predominantly residential character and its commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship as outlined in local planning policies. It conflicts with community values and the desire to maintain the area's green spaces and low-carbon footprint.

5. Emergency Services and Infrastructure Concerns:

The local infrastructure and emergency services may not be adequately equipped to handle a fuel-related incident. A major fire or leak could overwhelm existing resources, putting residents and first responders at risk.