

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Parham House Newbury Road
: Hermitage, West Berks
: RG18 9TD
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Gavin Campbell
DATE SUBMITTED : 27/11/2025

COMMENTS:

I strenuously object to this application on the following grounds:

- Significant threat posed to the local area, wildlife and biodiversity owing to the very nature of the materials being stored and transferred, and the likelihood of spills. This concern is supported by UK wide data on spill events at such premises, and my own professional experience having worked as part of a spill response team for many years.
- Increased danger to road users immediately adjacent to the site and on the roads approaching the site entrance in either direction. This is already a narrow section of road with limited visibility and space for cars, pedestrians and cyclists. Use of the site as proposed will increase LGV and HGV traffic, with the numbers stated in the planning application being wholly intolerable.
- Proposed operating hours will significantly detrimentally affect the surrounding area in terms of nuisance noise and light pollution.
- The proposed retaining solution is visually incongruent with the surroundings and park and would not act to prevent completion of the source-pathway-receptor linkage in the event of a loss of hazardous materials.
- Operation of the site as proposed would significantly decrease the air quality of the surrounding area and those persons using the park. - People use the park and surrounding countryside for the purposes of relaxing and finding peace and quiet - the proposed land use would have a detrimental psychosocial impact on the park users. This impact would most likely be felt hardest by the angling community who's hobby requires overnight stays.