

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 34A Old Bath Road
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COMMENTS:

I object to application 252782.
There are multiple reasons this development is not appropriate for the proposed location.

Environmental Impact & Flood Risk:

High risk of fuel leakage/spillage into the Loddon Nature Reserve/Lakes.

Potential sewage contamination.

Increased flood risk due to industrial scale storage.

Traffic & Highways Safety:

Over 130 HGV movements daily (one every 3 mins at peak). Strain on already busy Old Bath Road and local infrastructure.

Concerns about visibility splays and unsafe access for large vehicles.

Risk of Fire & Hazardous Materials:

Storing 800,000+ litres of fuel near homes and schools creates significant fire/explosion risk.

Noise & Hours of Operation:

Disruption from constant HGV movements (potentially 24/7).

Impact on Local Character & Wildlife:

Threat to vital local habitats and ecosystems.

Industrial nature clashes with residential/rural setting.

Policy Non-Compliance:

The proposal likely conflicts with local planning policies on flood zones, environmental protection, and highway safety.

As a local resident I regularly see road safety issues with large vehicles entering, exiting and parking around the site entrance which is right off a bend. The mini roundabout with park lane is not designed for HGVs with poor visibility resulting in short stopping distances and many near misses. There is already noise and air pollution concerns on the residential part of the old bath road and the antisocial operating hours would further increase noise outside peak hours at weekends and nights.
The Old Bath Road also represents a primary route to school for primary and secondary children locally. With future emphasis on sustainable transport like biking to school for the children or to the train station for commuters the risk to people from the increased use by large vehicles represents a safety issue and a step backwards for the local community.