

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 6 Weavers Way
: Twyford, Reading
: RG10 9GX
SUBMITTED BY : Ms Linda Phipps
DATE SUBMITTED : 08/12/2025

COMMENTS:

My first objection relates to environmental impact.

I frequently walk in the nature reserve and noticed that when Speedy Fuels moved onto the site last year, BEFORE planning permission had been granted, there was a strong smell of oil along the footpath between the back fence of the site and the lake. It was also noticeable in Weavers Way. The lake is home to nesting swans, herons and many other water birds which would be endangered by the proposed industrial site.

The planting of six trees and a few shrubs will not mitigate the threat to an area which already provides plenty of biodiversity.

I note that the Neighbourhood Plan, published in May this year, states that planning policies should "identify, map and safeguard components of local wildlife rich habitats, and wider ecological networks". It should "mitigate any impact of development on biodiversity".

My second objection relates to the impact of increased HGV traffic along the Old Bath Road.

The Neighbourhood Plan for Twyford and Charvil addresses the existing problem of traffic along the Old Bath Road and expresses a wish to "potentially reduce traffic flow, connect walking and cycling routes, and provide adequate pavements to improve pedestrian safety". Please note the OLD Bath Road is OLD and not suitable for HGV's.

The introduction of additional HGV traffic along the Charvil Road is in direct conflict with these stated aims.

I have frequently seen HGV's attempting to reverse into and out of the tyre depot, adjacent to the proposed site. This manoeuvre is impossible without blocking traffic emerging from a blind bend at 40 mph in the opposite carriageway.

The pavement along this section of the Old Bath Road is narrow, as is the road, and is already hazardous for pedestrians when HGV's are thundering past.

The local community will not benefit from this proposed change of use. In fact, the residents, people and wildlife, will be adversely affected if this plan is approved.