

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 129
: East Park Farm Drive, Charvil, Berkshire
: RG10 9UQ
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Bridget Mundy
DATE SUBMITTED : 04/12/2025

COMMENTS:

I am writing to object to the planning application made by Speedy Fuels on the former Prince Brothers Site in Charvil.

I am objecting to this on several counts:

1. I am concerned about the environmental impact this activity will have on the local Country Park and the wildlife surrounding it. The site is right next to a footpath that runs next to one of the lakes in the Country Park and it would be horrendous if there was any leaks or fuel spills as this would have such a negative impact on the area and the wildlife locally. I walk around these lakes on a regular basis and I have seen the growth in wildlife. It would be devastating if this wildlife was put at risk and the beauty of this country park taken away.

2. The Old Bath Road is busy already. I cycle down this road in Twyford at times and I already feel I am putting myself at risk given the level of traffic using this road. If Speedy Fuels operated from this site, I would feel even more at risk especially where the bends in the road are. I also walk into Twyford, joining the Old Bath Road from the footpath before the site. It is hard to see what is coming along the roads at the best of times but with several additional

lorries using the site weekly, it poses an even greater risk. The road is used by 100s of school children daily to make their journey to

school and to get around the village. The increased traffic puts our children at risk, especially by the zebra crossing where so many pedestrians cross.

Old Bath Road has just been resurfaced and it wouldn't take long before these heavy vehicles damage the road surface.

3. Environmental Impact- WBC are seeking ways to improve the environmental impact on our local community and with all these additional vehicles using Old Bath Road to access the site, idling as they wait for accessing the site is going to lead to higher air pollution. This seems to me to not sit well with the environmental targets of WDC.

4. I am hugely concerned about the risk of fire and potentially explosions from such a site. It is not far from 100s of residential properties and would put thousands of residents at risk of toxic fumes and pollution should such an event occur.

5. The site is too close to the villages of Charvil and Twyford. It needs to be somewhere more rural where it has a far lesser impact on our communities. The activities at the site would increase noise, light and pollution and ruin the quiet character of our villages and the peacefulness of a walk around the Country Park.

I believe the negative impact of this operation will hugely outweigh the economic impact on our communities, as stated in my comments above. I would urge the planners to give strong consideration to how our villages will be negatively affected if this planning application was approved. Thank you.