

PLANNING REF: 252782

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COMMENTS:

I am objecting to the Planning Application 252782, Old Bath Road for the following reasons:

Public Safety

Risk of fire and explosion from storing large such large volumes of fuel so close to homes, schools, the nature reserve and other businesses. The warehouse next door to the proposed site contains vehicle tyres which are highly flammable. Tyres are made from combustible rubber and chemicals which release intense heat, toxic fumes and black smoke when burning, and can be difficult to extinguish.

Risk of pollution and toxic fumes in the event of an accident.

Heavy Vehicle Impact

The Old Bath Road is a 40mph bending road which is not suitable for articulated fuel tankers. The planning application shows the turning angle required by such tankers and it takes up both lanes of the road. This is very close to a narrow bend in the road and traffic travelling from Charvil to Twyford would have limited visibility of a tanker turning out slowly on the wrong side of the road. There is already an issue with this junction onto the Old Bath Road when tyre deliveries and containers are being delivered to the neighbouring sites, without an additional 132 vehicle movements a week.

Local children walk and cycle along this road to school and the increased vehicles pose a serious risk to them, along with increased air pollution.

There is also the issue of increased wear and tear to the road surfaces.

Environmental Impact

Proximity to the Country Park.

The proposed site floods, and fuel spills during floods would be impossible to contain.

This is even more of an issue due to the site's close proximity to the lakes and nature reserve. Contamination from the diesel/kerosene could be devastating for the wildlife habitats (including protected species like otters, bats and amphibians), protected plants, lakes, parks, and fish stocks.

Loss of Peace and Amenity

Proximity to the Country Park.

Due to the operating hours of 5am-6pm, 7 days a week, with tankers allowed outside these times.

Noise, pollution, fumes, light pollution harming the quiet character of the village of Charvil and the enjoyment of the Country Park.