

PLANNING REF : 250959  
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Beechtree Farm  
: a321 Henley Rd, Wargrave, Berkshire  
: RG108PJ  
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COMMENTS:

The proposed installation of a fuel oil storage and distribution facility on the banks of the River Loddon, in the vicinity of Twyford Nature Reserve, poses a significant threat to both the environment and the local community. This area is not only a haven for a diverse range of wildlife but also a cherished recreational space for residents and visitors alike.

The River Loddon and the adjacent Twyford Nature Reserve are home to numerous species of plants and animals, many of which are already vulnerable due to habitat loss and climate change. The construction and operation of a fuel oil facility in such a fragile ecosystem could lead to disastrous consequences. Spills, leaks, or accidental discharges from the facility could severely contaminate the river and surrounding wetlands, irreversibly harming the flora and fauna. Beyond ecological concerns, this project has substantial implications for public health and safety. The potential for oil spills and

leakages could affect not only the natural habitat but also the quality of drinking water drawn from the River Loddon. This may result in dire consequences for local residents. Furthermore, the increased traffic and industrial activity associated with such a facility could lead to air and noise pollution, significantly affecting the quality of life in the community.

Alternative locations for the facility should be considered, prioritizing sites that do not pose such a serious threat to environmental and public health. We urge the decision-makers to thoroughly investigate less sensitive sites that would mitigate the environmental and social impacts.

Protecting the River Loddon and Twyford Nature Reserve is a responsibility we must all share. For the sake of future generations, it is imperative that we preserve this important natural habitat in its entirety. We call on the relevant authorities to reject the proposed development and instead focus on sustainable, eco-friendly initiatives that can coexist harmoniously with our community and natural surroundings.