

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 3 Charvil Meadow Road
: Charvil, Berkshire
: RG10 9DX
SUBMITTED BY : Miss Christine Bainbridge
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COMMENTS:

It is hard to understand why serious consideration is even being given to this proposal; it is the wrong development in the wrong place. I object to the Speedy Fuels proposal for the following reasons:

Potential Harmful Impact on Natural Environment

The location of the site in the heart of nature reserves of meadows and extensive stretches of water means there is potential for significant harm to both flora and fauna should there be any leakages from the fuel depot.

Detrimental Impact on Old Bath Road

The current site has been used for light industrial purposes for many years. The vehicle movements associated with these existing businesses already cause more than enough disruption eg large container lorries parked near the bend on the Old Bath Road heading towards Charvil. The proposed volume of Speedy Fuels vehicles from the site and then

through Charvil to the A4 would increase the risk of accidents near to the bend, and would destroy the current village feel on the Old Bath Road area in Charvil. Such increased traffic would also cause significant wear and tear on a stretch of road that has only recently been surfaced dressed, and not that well in many places.

What

provisions would be made for, and who would fund, the increased need for further road maintenance programmes?

Pedestrian Safety

I frequently walk between Charvil and Twyford, and even now consider the existing pavement to be excessively narrow in places. There are significant stretches where there is pavement on one side only, meaning people often step in the road when passing each other in opposite directions. This is just about safe to do currently, but with the addition of the Speedy Fuels vehicles, this will become increasingly more dangerous, and the enjoyable and healthy walk will be no more. This route is used by many families and children en route to the local schools. Active travel should be encouraged, not discouraged by fear of being closely passed by, or run over by, large lorries, and also by breathing in increased levels of vehicle pollution.

Health & Safety

The location of a fuel depot adjacent to a tyre business appears to be a recipe for disaster should any of the fuel set alight. Further, the proximity of the housing developments Charvil means that there is risk to a significant number of people should there be any accidents.