

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Butts hill Butts Hill
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: RG5 4QF
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Ashley Abbott
DATE SUBMITTED : 28/11/2025

COMMENTS:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the planning application for the proposed fuel depot in charvil, the old prince brothers, an area that is both a valued local fishing lake and part of a known potential flooding zone.

My concerns are as follows:

1. Environmental Risk to the Lake and Wildlife

The proximity of the fuel depot to the lake raises significant concerns regarding contamination. Even minor leaks, spills, or runoff from fuel storage, transportation, or refuelling activity could have disastrous consequences for water quality. The lake supports a variety of fish, plants, birds, and other wildlife, and it is a valued community asset for recreation and conservation. Once pollutants enter such an ecosystem, the damage is often irreversible.

2. Flooding Hazards and Public Safety

The proposed location sits within or near an area that is at risk of flooding. The placement of a fuel depot in such a zone greatly increases the danger of fuel escape during heavy rainfall or flood events, potentially spreading contaminants far beyond the immediate site. This risk extends not only to the lake but to surrounding land, properties, and waterways.

3. Incompatibility With Surrounding Land Use

A fuel storage and distribution facility is fundamentally incompatible with the natural, recreational, and ecological character of the area. The introduction of heavy vehicles, noise, and industrial infrastructure would sharply contrast with an environment currently used for leisure, angling, and wildlife appreciation.

4. Long-Term Community Impact

The fishing lake is an important local amenity enjoyed by residents, families, and visitors. Its value lies not only in recreation but in its contribution to mental wellbeing, biodiversity, and local heritage. Approving a fuel depot nearby risks degrading this public asset and discouraging community use.

Conclusion

For these reasons, I strongly urge the planning authority to refuse this application. The environmental risks, flood-related hazards,

and negative impact on both wildlife and community wellbeing significantly outweigh any potential benefits.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Yours faithfully,
Ashley Abbott