

PLANNING REF : 250959
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Acorns
: 4 Old Acres Lane, Charvil, Berks
: RG109QZ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr John Woodward
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COMMENTS:

This is a completely inappropriate use of this site on two counts. Firstly, the site is adjacent to the country park, being on raised hard standing above the lake. Any kind of accidental oil spill will inevitably lead to pollution in the lake. Whatever systems they put in place to prevent spills are never going to be enough for such a sensitive site.

Secondly, the Old Bath Road is completely unsuitable for the level of heavy traffic the application proposes. There have been numerous issues over recent years with HGV's queueing out on the road to get access to the tyre business next door, so imagine the chaos that adding many more HGV's to this will cause. Additionally, the current 40 mph speed limit on the road where the vehicles will be emerging will also cause problems. Already surveys have shown that traffic will routinely do 45mph in a 40 zone, with a bend on the west side of the access point adding to the problem. The Old Bath Road is heavily used by pedestrians and cyclists travelling between Charvil / Woodley and Twyford. They share a very narrow and poorly maintained pavement on one side only. Perhaps Speedy Fuels could upgrade the path to a much wider shared cycle and foot path as a condition of the granting of the permission. It would still not be ideal but it would go some way to making it workable and safer.