

PLANNING REF : 250959
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 23 Wenlock Edge
: Charvil, Berkshire
: RG109QG
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Steven Li
DATE SUBMITTED : 03/06/2025

COMMENTS:

I am writing as a concerned resident of Charvil in strong objection to the recent planning application submitted for the demolition of two existing buildings and a garage, and the change of use from a service station to a fuel oil storage and distribution facility on Old Bath Road.

Our village is a quiet, rural area with limited commercial activity, appreciated for its peaceful character and natural surroundings. The proposed development would significantly alter the nature of our community and pose several serious concerns:

A) Environmental Impact: The introduction of a fuel oil storage and distribution facility brings with it inherent environmental risks. The possibility of oil spills or leakage could threaten local wildlife, soil, and water quality. This is not in keeping with the natural setting and ecological sensitivity of our village.

B) Traffic and Road Safety: Old Bath Road is already a busy and narrow road, not designed to accommodate heavy goods vehicles. The increase in large lorries associated with the storage and distribution of fuel oil would exacerbate traffic congestion and significantly increase the risk of accidents. This is particularly concerning given that the road is used by pedestrians, cyclists, and kids.

C) Noise and Pollution: Increased vehicle movements and industrial operations on site will result in heightened levels of noise and air pollution, disturbing the quiet environment that residents currently enjoy.

D) Incompatibility with Local Character: This type of industrial facility is entirely incompatible with the residential and rural nature of our village. It undermines the local plan objectives aimed at preserving village character and promoting sustainable, community-friendly development.

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully urge Wokingham Council to reject this planning application in the interest of protecting the environment and safety.

Thank you.