

PLANNING REF : 252782  
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 57 Old Bath Road  
: Charvil, Berkshire  
: RG109QN  
SUBMITTED BY : Mr William Connor  
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COMMENTS:

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To whom it may concern,

Please note my very strong objection to:

Planning application number: 252782  
iLAP Number PP/14482836

Site address: Former Prince Bro / Grove Service Station Old Bath Road Charvil RG10 9QJ.

I am a local resident living a of a mile from the site in question. I am very experienced in the road haulage industry, currently working as a Driver CPC Trainer. I have also had many years of experience in traffic issues as a Police Officer. (Now retired)

My objection to application number: 252782, relates to concerns around the clear and obvious foreboding danger of serious accidents that I believe will occur should this application be approved.

The proposed site comprises of a joint entrance with, Total Tyre Co Distribution Ltd and E-Quipfix Ltd. The road directly outside is just 10 feet from kerb to centre line and has a footpath opposite that is just 97cm (38") wide from hedgerow to kerb. There is a short section of footpath on the site side of the road, but this is rarely used as it terminates a short distance in either direction. Currently, large (HGV) Vehicles waiting to unload at the site, often stop and park on the road outside of the entrance causing havoc with vehicles queuing to overtake, eventually, the whole road comes to a stop as a banksman from Total Tyre Co assists the driver with traffic control to reverse the vehicle into the site. The section of the Old Bath Road approaching the site has a sharp bend a short distance away, making it hard to see the hazard, or overtaking vehicles until you are quite close.

My Objections:

1. You cannot pass another person on the narrow footpath opposite the site without walking onto the road. When there is an HGV parked opposite waiting to enter the site, other vehicles overtaking pass exceptionally close to the narrow footpath, and particularly with the number of young children in this area returning from school, who

often fail to look at the overtaking traffic approaching on the wrong side of the road, additional traffic movement at the location is an accident waiting to happen.

2. The additional HGV Oil tankers entering and exiting the site will cause major traffic issues in the area, unnecessary additional environmental pollution and very likely, an inevitable serious accident at some point if this application is approved. A Banksman would be required permanently to assist with safety, which is highly unlikely.

3. I work in the transport industry and totally appreciate the value and necessity of the work they do. However, as constantly reiterated in the highway code, driver CPC, H&S at work act 1974 and H&S executive of site layouts, I strongly believe in a, "Safety first" mentality, and that this semi-rural location is simply not suitable for the purposes proposed in the application, and without some major road structural changes to facilitate, it poses a serious risk to road safety.

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