

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 135 The Hawthorns
: 135 The Hawthor Charvil, Reading, Berkshire
: RG10 9TT
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Edward Scandrett
DATE SUBMITTED : 02/12/2025

COMMENTS:

I strongly object to this irresponsible proposed development on a number of material grounds, particularly that of:

1. Highway safety;
2. Traffic;
3. Noise; and
4. Nature conservation.

On grounds 1-3, the road of the proposed development is narrow, with blind bends, and a very narrow pavement. It is already dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists, and the addition of heavy vehicles is of great concern to me and my family who regularly walk/cycle from Charvil to Twyford. There is very limited infrastructure in Charvil, and limited parking in Twyford, meaning that walking/cycling is often necessary. It is regularly necessary for pedestrians to have to step into the road to give way to other users. The road is clearly unsuitable for regular heavy traffic and this development will cause a high risk to pedestrians and cyclists.

The entry to the site is not wide enough for the large fuel transportation vehicles to be able to safely enter the road. I have no doubt that allowing this fuel depot here will cause a serious injury.

The traffic and noise to local residents will also be considerable, and there will be no way to prevent vehicles from passing through the busy crossroads of Twyford. Charvil village will also suffer from a lot of additional traffic and noise, there is a particularly dangerous mini roundabout at Park Lane/Old Bath Road, as well as the roundabout with the New Bath Road, where there was recently a serious accident involving a cyclist.

On the 4th ground, putting a fuel depot next to a country park nature reserve is clearly misguided and irresponsible and constitutes an unnecessary risk to wildlife.

Finally, the removal of a local garage has been a real loss to the area. There are no other garages in walking distance of Charvil. This space should be maintained as a garage or some other service for Charvil and Twyford, not a fuel depot which provides no amenities to the local area.