

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 3 Canberra Lake Way
: Charvil, Reading, Berkshire
: RG10 9DH
SUBMITTED BY : Mr And Mrs Wendy and Terry Hunt
DATE SUBMITTED : 04/12/2025

COMMENTS:

I think that this site is completely unsuitable for the storage and subsequent transportation of fuels for many reasons.

The two most important are the impact of the movement of tankers on the roads in the immediate area and the potential for an environmental disaster.

The Old Bath Road, onto which many tankers will exit each day, is a busy road and is much used by cyclists and vehicles travelling to Twyford. I understand that the tankers will be prevented from going in the Twyford direction and in order to go towards Charvil they will encroach onto the opposite carriageway when leaving the site. Vehicles travelling in the opposite direction are just exiting from a nasty bend there. Large lorries are already frequently parked outside the Prince Bros site waiting to enter the adjacent tyre business and the addition of fuel tankers is bound to cause dangerous conditions.

The site is adjacent to a wonderful Nature Reserve which includes flooded former gravel pits now home to huge numbers of water birds and other wild life. In living memory there has been winter flooding of the site. The incidence of floods in the area is likely to increase in future years. The possibility of huge pollution coming from the storage facilities if flooding occurs is obvious.

I can't understand why such an inappropriate development is even being considered. It seems beyond common sense.