

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 17
: The Hawthorns, Charvil Reading, Berkshire
: RG10 9TS
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Christopher Bailey
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COMMENTS:

I live in the Parish of Charvil and consequently feel entitled to comment on this application as the traffic and environmental concerns previously raised by me and many others in the area.

Many Large and heavily-laden tankers will exit daily onto The Old Bath Road, a busy road is much used by cars, pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles travelling in the Twyford area. I imagine that the tankers will be restricted from using a route through the village, though who is going to monitor this is of real concern. If this is to be the case then the diversion will be through Charvil via the Old Bath Road thus increasing the flow. How is this to be enforced?

The Old Bath Road is already potentially dangerous with dangerous bends on which the legal speed limit is 40mph, and narrow footpaths requiring single file walking in some sections. Although the road has recently been resurfaced it was well overdue. It has never received the maintenance attention it should have and the need for more frequent repair will be inevitably increase if this application is granted. Furthermore, pollution from diesel fumes particularly for walkers and schoolchildren is already unpleasant this will only increase under this application, something we all have a duty to oppose.

The site adjoins a precious Nature Reserve with lakes home to huge numbers of water birds and other wildlife which the Council is continually improving. There is regular and increasing winter flooding of the area The incidence of floods in the area is likely to increase even more in future years. The potential for huge pollution from activities on the proposed site is clear, continual regular independent monitoring is essential.

This application should be refused by the Council it is completely unsuitable for the location for the storage and subsequent distribution of fuels for many reasons but overwhelmingly on traffic and environmental grounds.

Most people I know in the area cannot understand why the applicant continues to pursue this matter, presumably in the hope that the council will relent. It emphatically should not.