

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 79
: QUENTIN ROAD Woodley, Reading
: RG5 3NE
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Christopher Gladdish
DATE SUBMITTED : 01/01/2026

COMMENTS:

Objection to Proposed Fuel Oil Storage and Distribution Depot -
Planning Application (252782)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed fuel oil storage and distribution depot at former Prince Brothers/Grove Service Station Old Bath Road Charvil RG10 9QJ, submitted under planning application (252782)

I wish to raise the following concerns:

1. Environmental and Public Health Risks

Fuel oil storage carries inherent risks of leaks, spills, soil contamination, and air pollution. Any accidental release could have serious consequences for local waterways, wildlife, and public health. The close proximity of the site to the lakes and river increases these risks. The local rivers are in decline and the additional risk of polluting these areas will cause the fragile ecosystems to be at risk of contamination to a greater extent.

2. Fire and Safety Hazards

Large-scale fuel storage presents a substantial fire and explosion risk. I am not satisfied that the proposed safety measures adequately mitigate these dangers for nearby residents, businesses, and emergency services.

3. Increased Traffic and Road Safety Issues

The proposal is likely to generate a considerable rise in heavy goods vehicle (HGV) movements. The local road network particularly the Old Bath Road is not designed for additional HGV traffic. This raises

concerns regarding congestion, noise pollution, and the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users.

4. Noise, Odour, and General Disturbance

Operations at a fuel distribution depot often run early in the morning or late at night. The associated noise from trucks, machinery, and loading activities would create unacceptable disturbance for

residents, harming local quality of life. Odours associated with fuel evaporation could also negatively impact the surrounding community and have a detrimental effect on local biodiversity.

5. Visual Impact and Loss of Amenity

The industrial appearance of fuel storage tanks and related infrastructure is incompatible with the character of Charvil leading to a loss of visual amenity.

6. Insufficient Need and Inappropriate Location

The applicant has not demonstrated a clear local need for another fuel depot, nor why this specific site is suitable. Less sensitive, more

industrialised locations should be fully examined before considering a site so close to residential or environmentally sensitive areas.

For the reasons outlined above, I strongly urge the planning authority to refuse this application in the interest of protecting public safety, the environment, and the well-being of the local community. Thank you for considering my objection.

Yours faithfully,

Christopher Gladdish