

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Hillside
: Pearson Road, Sonning, Berkshire
: RG4 6UL
SUBMITTED BY : Dr Doug Stewart
DATE SUBMITTED : 29/12/2025

COMMENTS:

I wish to object very strongly to the application.

I understand the desire to repurpose a brownfield site but the proposed development represents a massive escalation of the industrial use of the site with very considerable implications for traffic in the local area as well as considerable risks to the surrounding environment.

It seems odd that the transport assessment only considered crash data up to 2023, given that it was prepared in 2025, and as a result does not include the serious collision on July 2024 on the sharp bend of Old Bath Road just to the west of the site of proposed development.

The expected traffic volume of HGVs per day, Monday to Friday, in the range 12 to 44 tonnes, plus 73 cars and vans, in addition to 12 HGVs on Saturday and 6 on Sunday would seem wholly inappropriate for the Old Bath Road which sees a lot of pedestrian and cyclist traffic as well as school run traffic in the morning and afternoon. Especially the sharply curving part of the road is already quite narrow and having addition large HGV movements along there would do nothing for road safety.

Additionally, all that traffic has to get too and from the immediate area, and that will predominantly involve transiting along the A4 through Sonning village, an area already burdened with an excessive traffic volume.

I don't believe that the conclusion regarding traffic reduction is realistic, given that the proposed use is heavily biased towards HGVs and there is little evidence of existing HGV activity to and from the site at present.

It is also concerning that there is expected to be a peak of site related traffic flow, both car and HGV, during the morning peak, on what is already a busy road during the rush hour.