

PLANNING REF: 252782

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COMMENTS:

OBJECTION TO THE PLANNING APPLICATION nr 252782

Against the development of a fuel storage and distribution center between the villages of Twyford and Charvil - in the near proximity of the Charvil Country Park and Dinton Pastures Country Park which have a Natural Bird Sanctuary and adjacent family communities. We moved in this village nearly 16 years to raise a young family in a green and peaceful area and our family and hundreds other believe that this development poses significant risks to the environment, wildlife, and the well-being of local families.

We together with hundreds of other families are extremely worried and panicked about this ludicrous application within a quiet village life community and in such a close vicinity to a nature reserve for the following reasons

1. Threat to the 2 beautiful local parks visited by hundreds of people every day together with its Natural Bird Sanctuary

The Dinton Pastures Country Park and the Charvil Park with its Bird Sanctuary is a critical habitat for numerous protected bird species. There are 2 beautiful lakes with immense wildlife in less than 500m from the place where they plan the construction and operation of a fuel distribution center. The risk of spillage and complete ruin of these natural areas and its associated noise, pollution, and heavy vehicle traffic, would disrupt the delicate ecosystem and ruin the life of over 10,000 people that live in the 2 villages. Fuel spills or leaks could contaminate soil and water, posing a direct threat to wildlife. The sanctuary's ecological value, recognized for must be protected to preserve biodiversity and ensure compliance with environmental regulations.

2. Impact on Family Communities

The proposed site is in close proximity to schools, local library, 2 family villages (Twyford and Charvil) and residential areas, where children and families live, play, and thrive. The traffic this week was horrendous given 1 lorry was parked in front of this site let alone 132 weekly proposed lorry movements will block everything for hours on a daily basis together with causing noise, and air pollution from fuel transport and operations would compromise the health, safety, and quality of life of residents. Studies have shown that exposure to pollutants from fuel-related facilities can lead to respiratory issues and other health concerns, particularly for vulnerable groups such as children and the elderly.

3. Environmental and Safety Risks

Fuel distribution centers inherently carry risks of accidents, including spills, fires, or explosions. The proximity to a sensitive ecological area and residential zones heightens these dangers. The potential for groundwater contamination or air quality degradation would have long-term consequences for both the environment and the community. The local authority has a duty to prioritize the safety of its residents and the preservation of natural habitats over industrial development but they don't seem to care as they allowed this process to continue.

4. Incompatibility with Local Planning Policies

The proposed development appears to conflict with Wokingham Local Plan, which emphasizes the protection of green spaces and residential amenities. Approving this project would undermine the council's commitment to sustainable development and the well-being of its residents. Alternative sites, away from sensitive ecological and residential areas, should be considered for such industrial projects.

5. Community and Cultural Impact

A fuel distribution center would detract from the area's aesthetic and cultural value, discouraging tourism and community engagement. The presence of such a facility would also disrupt the peaceful character of these villages and hundreds of families, which residents have chosen for its tranquility and natural surroundings.

We urge you to reject this ludicrous planning application and consider the long-term implications of introducing an industrial facility to this community