

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Strawberry Acre Farm
: Strawberry Acre Beggars Hill Road, Reading, Berks., Berkshire
: RG10 0UB
SUBMITTED BY : Dr Vivek Tandon
DATE SUBMITTED : 09/12/2025

COMMENTS:

I strongly object to this application.

The proposal to construct a fuel depot storing over 837,000 litres of hazardous fuel oil on the edge of a residential village and adjacent to a nature reserve is not just inappropriate it is reckless.

1. Industrial-Scale Fuel Storage in a Residential Zone

- The site would house 711 tonnes of fuel, including kerosene, diesel, gas oil, heating oil, and hybrid vegetable oil. This is an industrial facility masquerading as a local business.
- The proximity to homes, schools, and the River Loddon nature reserve makes this a clear threat to public safety and environmental integrity.

2. Dangerous Traffic Impact on Old Bath Road

- The proposal estimates 132 vehicle movements per weekday, including 59 HGVs and articulated lorries weighing up to 42 tonnes.
- The turning radius required for these vehicles forces them into the opposite carriageway, directly into oncoming traffic exiting a bend. This is not hypothetical it is visible in site photos.