

PLANNING REF : 252782
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COMMENTS:

Objection to Planning Application 252782

1. Increasing risk of flooding.

Recent flooding events have already been cited in earlier objections. However, as the atmosphere continues to warm up, future floods are likely to be worse.

For example, if the temperature increases from 20C to 21C the air can hold about 5% more water vapour. We should expect more intense rain events and more extensive flooding than we have seen in the recent past. The plans should have a convincing proposal for coping with this increased risk.

2. Risk to Loddon Nature Reserve.

This is a BBOWT (Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust) reserve immediately to the East of Charvil Country Park. Over the years the reserve has been managed to provide nesting sites for summer-visiting birds and as a haven for wildfowl in winter.

All the objections that have been made in relation to flooding at Charvil Country Park may be applied to Loddon Nature Reserve as well. The river in between the two may provide some protection, but once it bursts its banks, as it sometimes does, any pollution from the proposed depot will get into the reserve.

Biodiversity at the reserve has been reduced as a result of the rapid development of Charvil. 25 years ago there were turtle doves here. They have already been lost and other species are likely to disappear because of the noise and pollution from the proposed depot.

The ongoing human encroachment into spaces used by wildlife is an exercise in salami slicing: encroach a little further and pretend it doesn't matter - but it does. If it doesn't stop before more species are lost we will lose amenities that are beneficial to ourselves as well as to wildlife.

3. Risk of spillage and fire.

There must be a risk of spillage, however small. If fire follows, the damage to the immediate surroundings would be severe. I remember the Buncefield fire, about 40 miles away, near Hemel Hempstead, in 2005. The smoke cloud was visible from Twyford. A similar cloud above the depot would cause significant inconvenience in centres of population downwind from here.