

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 67
: The Hawthorn Charvil, Reading, Berkshire
: RG10 9TS
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Ian Brooks
DATE SUBMITTED : 10/12/2025

COMMENTS:

I strongly object to this application on a number of grounds.

- 1) I commuted into London for 3.5 years by cycle and the most frightening part of my daily commute (including across Central London) was the "S" bends between Prince Brothers and Charvil. The road is very narrow, there is no room for overtaking and there is poor visibility. Having a regular stream of large lorries would be very dangerous for cyclists and goes against the council's wish to encourage people to leave their cars at home.
- 2) I regularly walk around the nature park and the flooding is getting worse by the year, including just below the fence to the site. If the site floods or the water run off, either from refuelling the lorries, spillage, or washing down the lorries goes into the water course then it's going to start killing the wildlife and polluting the water.
- 3) The air quality in Twyford is already poor because of the traffic lights. Having lorries constantly visiting and leaving the site would make this even worse, particularly with the addition of diesel particulates.
- 4) The traffic levels between the Old Bath Road and the A4 and Charvil are already un-manageable in the mornings. This is mainly due to the restrictions in traffic flow due to the Charvil crossing traffic lights. It is almost impossible to enter the A4 roundabout between 8:00am and 9:00am in a car and large numbers of additional lorries, leaving first thing would make this even worse, potentially causing gridlock.
- 4) The storage of large volumes of fuel so close to the nature reserve is introducing a significant risk and any leaks would have devastating results for the watercourses and wildlife. The mitigation of this would require double skinned tanks, external bunding and specific drain management techniques to prevent any forms of leakage, thus adding significantly to the site costs.

Regards

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