

PLANNING REF : 250959
PROPERTY ADDRESS : West Hope
: Wards Cross, Hurst, Berks
: RG10 0DS
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Geoffrey Manning
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COMMENTS:

Gentlemen

I strongly object to this proposed change of use on the above site.

The site is too close to the town of Twyford.

The proposal to use it as an oil depot is outrageous, for the following reasons, mostly concerning safety.

It is noted that the oil storage tanks will be bunded as is standard practice. However there is such protection proposed for the large number of oil tankers that will drive in and out of the site The whole site will not be bunded, as the site is next to a river, in an area the floods every year for a considerable period of time, months, not the odd day then any leakage from such vehicles will always end up in the flowing waters, thus producing a vast problem of containing the oil leak. It should be clearly understood that the fields in this area are subject to flooding and have little access for anything other than light farm vehicles, thus making a practical clean up operation almost impossible. And remember this river flows through built up areas on its way to the Thames.

Access to the site is via the single entrance from the Old Bath Road, should there be an emergency in the site then how will such vehicles as fire appliances, ambulances, police etc gain access to deal with the situation? Remember the site is in the midst of built up areas of housing, the road itself is narrow and often partially blocked by large vehicles that have trouble accessing the site now. A full blown emergency, = chaos, with no other possible access to deal with the situation. I would have thought the statutory emergency

services would have a very negative view of the aspect of the proposal.

The amount and size of the proposed tankers that are forecast to use the site is out of all proportion to its position in what is a built up area of domestic housing forming Twyford, along the only road, this is not a satisfactory situation and there is no practicable way to improve this. You can't run HGV's over flooded fields.

This impractical application must fail.

G. A. Manning