

PLANNING REF : 252782
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 103 The Hawthorns
: Charvil, Reading
: RG10 9TT
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Alan Simpson
DATE SUBMITTED : 25/11/2025

COMMENTS:

I object for the following reasons

1. Inappropriate Industrialisation of a Rural Setting, this development is fundamentally at odds with the character of Twyford and Charvil, which is a residential and semi-rural community.
2. Impact on Charvil Country Park. The Speedy Fuels site is immediately adjacent to Charvil Country Park which is of significant importance for local nature.
3. Site Access Safety. The wider site is already busy with the large Total Tyres site at Denmark House next door regularly having articulated lorries parked outside, obstructing the highway and providing a hazard to other road users.
4. Degradation of Active Travel Options. The Old Bath Road represents the only direct route from Charvil to Twyford for cyclists and pedestrians.
5. Road Traffic Safety. The road outside the development is on a bend and has a 40 mph limit. Increased numbers of lorries entering/exiting this site will present a significant hazard on this fast-moving road.
6. Child Safety. Approximately 250 schoolchildren in Charvil attend The Piggott School (Wargrave). The vast majority live south of the Old Bath Road and need to cross it on their daily walk or cycle to school.
7. Mini Roundabout. The Mini roundabout junction between Old Bath Road and Park Lane has been an area of concern and stress for local residents for a considerable time as the design is suboptimal and not appropriate for 50 x 44 tonne Articulated lorries expected on a daily basis.
8. Local Traffic Increase (HGV). The anticipated daily traffic movements are. Mon to Fri - 59 x 44 Tonnes Artics and 73 x Cars/Vans, Sat - 12 x 44 Tonnes Artics and 20 x Cars/Vans, Sun - 6 x 44 Tonnes Artics and 2 x Cars/Vans. Not acceptable on the road connecting 2 rural villages.
9. Disruptive operating hours. The site will be operational; Mon to Friday 5am to 6pm, Saturday 5am to 2pm, Sunday 6am to 4pm, Bank Holidays 6am to 4pm. This is alarming for residents of the Old Bath Road as this represents noise and air pollution early in morning 7 days a week.
10. Flood Risk and Local Waterways. The site sits within Flood Zone 3, and backs on to a lake in Charvil Country Park and is adjacent to the Old River branch of the River Loddon. Any leaks or spills of the volatile biodiesel stored on the site is likely to have an immediate and highly negative impact on local waterways.