Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11/06/2026 4:46 PM from [redacted]

Application Summary

Address:	Nuralite Industrial Estate Canal Road Higham Rochester Kent ME3 7JA
Proposal:	Application for approval of condition 2, 5, 8, 9, 11 and 12 attached to planning permission reference number 20250721 relating to full details of the road improvements works at the Canal Road / Chequers Street / Church Street /Lower Rochester Road junction (2), full details of the phasing of the development (5), a comprehensive Demolition and Construction Logistics Plan covering all environmental impacts (8), a full Construction Traffic Management Plan (9), an updated preliminary ecological appraisal and review and of the site wide mitigation strategy (11) and a strategy to deal with the potential risks associated with any contamination of the site or the relevant phase (12).
Case Officer:	Mr Richard Hart

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Customer Details

Name:	[redacted]
Email:	
Address:	[redacted] Canal Road Higham Rochester

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	As a resident of Canal Road who has lived in the village for 60 years I wish to formally object to the proposed implementation of a mini roundabout at the junctions of lower Rochester Road, Chequers Street and Church Street. The proposed mini roundabout, judging by the drawing and proposed road markings, would effectively change the main road from the lower Rochester road onto Cheques Street to the lower Rochester roads onto Canal Road. This road layout will encourage lorries, who seeing no traffic coming out of Canal Road or Church Street, not to slow down, straddle the mini roundabout and go straight down Canal Road. This could cause a major accident with a vehicle emerging from Cheques Street. To my knowledge in all the time I have lived in this village there has never been a major accident at this junction. What happens now with a lorry coming down the Lower Rochester Road is they slow right down, move to the central hatched area of the road and slowly move forward until they can see up Chequers Street. When clear they turn down Canal Road. Far far safer. If this roundabout is put in where are the people in Brookers place supposed to park. We already have a residents parking permit system in place because it's so difficult to park.

In the RSK Traffic Management Plan they state that traffic lights control will be put in place in the residential area at the east end of Canal Road. In section 3.1 it states that an average of 50 lorry movements per hour (this is only Nuralite lorries not Railtrack or Beckley hill work's traffic) in other words 1 lorry movement per minute for 10 hours a day, Monday to Friday 08.00 to 18.00hrs. Saturday 08.00 to 13.00hrs. On top of this they say another hour morning and evening to enable the workforce to get there. So effectively 12hour & 7hour day. In RSK reports they talk about their concerns for the Badgers, Bats, Amphibians, Birds,Reptiles and water voles but nowhere do they talk about the village residents concerns, rights or inconvenience. Nobody in Canal Road has been contacted about our concerns. For example with the traffic lights. With these operating at least 12 hours a day, what about rubbish collection, Cess tank emptying which takes 20 to 30 minutes, heating oil deliveries 15 to 20 minutes, food deliveries , grocery delivery's, building material deliveries and deliveries in general.

What about people and especially disabled people going up Canal Road, bearing in mind we have no pavements, once the traffic gets the green light and they know there is no traffic coming the other way their speed will increase. Another accident waiting to happen. Also how will we know when it's safe to leave our drives (ie will we be travelling with the lights being green or against them).

It seems that this Nuralite development is biased towards the owner wishes to do this project as cheaply as possible and with little or no consideration by him or the council to the residents concerns.

I therefore hope that this application is turned down until such time that proper consultation with the residents has taken place.

Kind regards