

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 17/12/2025 9:15 PM from [REDACTED]

Application Summary

Address: Nuralite Industrial Estate Canal Road Higham Rochester Kent ME3 7JA

Proposal: Application for removal of condition 4 ,6,12 and variation of condition 7 attached to 20190290 - The proposal is for the systematic redevelopment of the existing Nuralite site. This includes the importation of inert materials to cap, and landscape the historic asbestos landfill, thus containing its contamination risk. To demolish the existing buildings of the Nuralite industrial estate, deal with existing contamination, both through capping and removal of areas of hydrocarbon pollution, the laying of new service and utility infrastructure and the construction of 11 new purpose built light industrial type units and a site office; to allow removal of passing places, temporary traffic controls, Archaeological works and implementation of a permanent TRO for all traffic.

Case Officer: Mr Richard Hart

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Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Cliffe Woods

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: As a resident of Cliffe Woods and a regular Driver and Cyclist through Higham to Gravesend and surrounding areas I wish to object to the above proposal on the following grounds:

Nuralite estate.

The estate was conceived many years ago using the canal and the railway for movement of goods long before the Greenbelt was considered.

If the development was put forward today, as a new site, it would probably not be allowed due to the Greenbelt status and as it will rely on car and lorry movements.

The planning document refers to "Rural roads" around the site.

To be clear, nearly every road in the area is little more than a country lane. Entirely unsuitable for supplying an industrial estate, especially during the construction of it.

Many of the roads are already in a poor condition. .

One Way System

There was initially a proposal for a one way system for HGVs, on Gore Green road, Lillie Church Road, East bound and Lower Rochester Road, West Bound. It is now proposed to make this permanent for All traffic. If it isn't obvious this is bad idea for the following reasons:

The B2000/Town Road is already an overloaded road with more traffic to come from the new and proposed housing developments. The blind hill at Mockbegger Farm is particularly dangerous now.

Traffic that would normally travel west along Lillie Church road will now have to travel over the hill at Mockbegger. This includes traffic from the Nuralite site, houses and businesses from Buckland Road, Cliffe, Cliffe Woods, Cooling and Spendiff and maybe as far as High Halstow.

Much of this additional traffic will then want to turn right at Lower Rochester Road to get to Higham, Chalk, Gravesend etc. This will cause congestion, delays and accidents.

The B2000/Town Road is in Medway. Gravesham's one way proposal is shifting their problem into Medway.

Canal Cycle Path

I find it particularly annoying that Gravesham spent a considerable amount of money improving the cyclepath along the canal.

This will be wasted as the one way system means cyclists using it for any sort of circular trip will now have to join the traffic going over the hill at Mockbegger and turning right at Lower Rochester Road.

If anyone attempted this now they would be taking their life in hand. With the increased traffic it would be suicide. If there is any doubt to this, please try it.

In summary, the redevelopment of Nuralite should be reconsidered entirely. It does not have the necessary vehicle infrastructure to service it.

The proposed one way system should be totally dismissed as a dangerous, unfair imposition on local residents, mostly in Medway rather than Gravesham.

It seems to me the prospect of a few pounds of business rates is colouring Gravesham's decision making

Kind regards