

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 10:07 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] Rochester

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: We are writing to formally object to the proposed redevelopment of the existing Nuralite site.
The site is known to contain asbestos, and the scale of the proposed works raises serious concerns regarding safety, transport, and environmental impact. Of particular concern is the proposal to introduce a one-way system through Lower Higham as part of the development.
This proposed one-way system would severely restrict access to our properties. Many homes in the area, including my own, have driveways and access points that are not compatible with a one-way traffic arrangement. As a result, residents would face serious difficulties entering and exiting their properties, with some access becoming impractical or impossible.
Lower Higham consists of narrow country lanes that are wholly unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles. The use of these roads by large lorries transporting construction materials and potentially contaminated waste presents unacceptable safety risks, increased road damage, noise, and disruption to residents. These lanes were never designed to accommodate sustained heavy industrial traffic.

It is difficult to reconcile this proposal with the Council's stated environmental and climate objectives. The development site is located immediately adjacent to an existing rail network which appears ideally placed to facilitate the transport of materials. Choosing instead to route large volumes of traffic through unsuitable rural roads will significantly increase vehicle movements, congestion, and carbon emissions. This approach undermines efforts to promote sustainable development and reduce environmental harm.

The cumulative impact of this proposal must also be considered. Our community is already under considerable strain due to extensive new housing developments in the area, which have brought increased traffic, congestion, and pressure on local infrastructure. Introducing further disruption through this redevelopment risks causing lasting harm to a community that is already struggling to cope. Overall, this proposal places the convenience and cost considerations of the developer above the safety, accessibility, environmental wellbeing, and quality of life of existing residents.

For these reasons, we strongly object to the planning application and respectfully request that Gravesham Borough Council refuses the proposal or, at the very least, requires the applicant to explore alternative, less disruptive and more sustainable methods of transporting materials that do not involve altering local road layouts or routing heavy vehicles through narrow country lanes.

Kind regards