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10 June 2026

Dear Sir / Madam,

Nuralite Industrial Estate, Canal Road, Higham, Kent, ME3 7JA
Planning application reference: 20260521

Higham Parish Council feels it is in the best interest of residents to provide our concerns and objections relating to the Nuralite Industrial Estate for the '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).'

Condition 2, Mini Roundabout Floor Plan

The proposed mini roundabout falls within a designated conservation area, which Higham Parish Council opposes any building or development. Moreover, the proposed mini roundabout would result in the loss of existing on-street parking provision for residents. This removal will displace vehicles into surrounding roads, which are already under pressure and not capable of absorbing additional parking demands. The resulting overspill parking is likely to cause congestion, reduced visibility, and increased obstruction for both residents and road users. This parking displacement would cause highway safety concerns so the parish council object to this condition being approved.

Condition 9, Copy of the Transport Management Plan

5.4 Traffic Management

"During peak periods of construction traffic, it may be necessary to implement traffic management measures to control vehicle movements to avoid two-way conflicts on the roads. This can take several forms, including the following: • Control of the timing of deliveries with suppliers. • Holding a vehicle at a specific location. • Temporary traffic

signals. • Stop/Go boards. • Traffic marshals; and • Short durations (15 minute) road closures."

There needs to be clarity to the above to ensure residents and the community are not further impacted. Please provide further information around the proposed 15-minute closures of any of the designated routes to prevent congestion along the country lanes. Please confirm if there will be a limit to the number of closures per day. Higham Parish Council does not agree to this condition being approved until clarity has been provided.

"These measures can be adapted to suit the appropriate circumstances and traffic volumes. The available options will be discussed with the local highway authority, and any implementation agreed prior to the commencement of construction in line with standard street works processes."

Higham Parish Council feels this condition cannot be approved when options have not been discussed with the local authority. This needs to remain as a condition until a report with the options has been produced.

5.6 Construction vehicles – restricted delivery times

"Deliveries will only take place using the agreed upon vehicle routing during site working hours. No other roads are anticipated to be affected by deliveries to the site. Any deliveries which require to be delivered outside of working hours for logistical/safety reasons will be only take place once agreed with KCC and GBC."

Higham Parish Council requests that there is a limit to the number of deliveries that take place outside of usual working hours to prevent excessive disruption to residents. Higham Parish Council also requests for delivery information to be sent to them so the parish council can keep the community appropriately informed.

Higham Parish Council agrees that KCC Public Rights of Way have offered, however, there is no mention of the Rights of Way in the Demolition and Construction Logistics Plan, (NS148, NS155 and NS151) and whilst this is part of the TRO, Higham Parish Council feels that this Demolition and Construction Logistics Plan should be more inclusive. For example, there is no mention of horse riders who regularly use this Public Right of Way. Higham Parish Council asks that the Applicant requests further information prior to the condition being approved.

Please consider our comments carefully when deciding on this application.

Yours faithfully



Rachael Martin
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Higham Parish Council