

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 16/06/2026 10:02 AM 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:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Chequers Street Higham Rochester Kent

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	I wish to strongly object to the proposal to remove parking from Chequers Street and nearby and to install a mini roundabout at the junction of Chequers Street and Lower Rochester Road; Canal Road and Church Street and to generally increase traffic to the Nuralite site. I live at [REDACTED] Chequers Street directly in the proposed area to be affected. I object for the below reasons: 1. If you remove the parking and free the road up people will drive faster and it will be more dangerous. 2. The intention for this proposal is not for social or public good, it is for private gain and you cannot justify the taking away of parking directly in front of people's houses for this reason. 3. Removing directly in front parking from the houses of Brooker's Place along Chequers Street and surrounding, will directly impact residents making the properties no longer suitable for those of us that are elderly, living with disabilities or young children.
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4. The knock on effect of this action will be reducing the housing stock for young families, disabled and elderly people at a time when there is a shortage of housing stock and there are proposals to build on green belt land in order to increase the housing stock in Higham itself. How therefore can it be justified to make EXISTING properties unsuitable for families with young children while considering proposals to build more? The reason cannot logically be for the public good but for private gain. How can a council approve this?
5. I believe the roads under consideration with narrow or no footpaths will more dangerous if the proposed road changes are made due to: HGVs, LGVs and all vehicles driving closer to pedestrians with the organic traffic calming effects of parked cars being removed.
6. In pointing this out, will the council take full responsibility for any accidents/injuries or fatalities that occur due to the removal of the traffic calming effects of parked cars?
7. It is known that people do not drive around mini roundabouts, the randomness of how people will drive sometimes around, sometimes across will create an unpredictability that will add to the increase in danger in this area.
8. The increase in speed and proximity to the houses will increase vibration damage in a conservation area. Is the council not proud of the historical significance of this area?
9. This is a rural area and these roads are frequented by horses, cyclists and runners. How will this proposal improve safety for these road users?
10. This is an area that is important for leisure
11. Why would you propose to increase traffic through this conservation area?
12. Why not improve and use the exit on the other end of the Nuralite site and use Queens Farm Road?

Thank you for reading, I feel the burden of proof though is on you not us and I would appreciate steps being taken to answer the questions above particularly those pertaining to our lives being out at risk by encouraging an increase in number and speed of vehicles and particularly HGVs and LGVs.

That means not an action taken AFTER a life has been wrecked or lost, because in that instance it will be a case of we told you so and you did not act with our best interests in mind. We don't want engineered traffic calming installed after an event and to live with someone's poster of their loved one across the street.

I will also repeat point 12. Why not improve and use the exit on the other end of the Nuralite site and use Queens Farm Road?

Again, this poliotely requires an answer that can justify the disruption to safety, family life and leisure of Chequers Street, Canal Road and surrounds and warrants the destruction of a conversation area to justify that it is not a better solution.

Kind regards