

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 08/06/2026 1:54 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]
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Address:	[REDACTED] Canal Road Higham

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I strongly object to the proposed changes affecting Chequers Street for the following reasons:

1. Loss of Residential Parking

The removal of residential parking on Chequers Street will leave many residents without adequate parking provision. This will inevitably result in displacement parking on surrounding roads, including Canal Road, Church Street, Bull Lane, Martins Close, Steadman Close, The Adelaide, and Lake Drive, creating further competition for already limited spaces and impacting residents throughout the village.

2. Impact on Elderly, Disabled and Vulnerable Residents

The proposals will have a disproportionate impact on elderly, disabled, and vulnerable residents. Family members, carers, and visitors with mobility issues may no longer be able to park close enough to properties, significantly reducing

accessibility and affecting residents' quality of life. In practical terms, disabled relatives and visitors may be unable to visit at all.

3. Essential Oil Deliveries to Properties

Many homes on Chequers Street, including my own, rely on heating oil rather than mains gas. These properties require oil tanker deliveries at least twice a year to maintain heating and hot water supplies. The introduction of extensive double yellow lines could make such deliveries impossible or significantly more difficult, leaving residents unable to obtain essential fuel for their homes.

4. Unsuitability of Canal Road for HGV Traffic

Canal Road has previously been deemed unsuitable for HGV traffic by the Traffic Commissioner. It is therefore concerning that this issue appears to have been overlooked. Any proposal that increases the use of Canal Road by larger vehicles directly contradicts previous findings regarding the road's suitability and safety.

5. Increased HGV Traffic, Noise and Pollution

The proposals are likely to increase HGV movements through the village. Residents already experience a significant volume of large vehicle traffic, and any increase will bring additional noise, air pollution, vibration, disturbance, and road safety concerns. This will negatively affect the character and amenity of the village environment.

6. Negative Impact on Property Values

The loss of convenient residential parking is likely to make properties less attractive to prospective buyers. Many people would be reluctant to purchase a home in a village location where parking is severely restricted or unavailable close to the property. This could have a detrimental effect on property values throughout the area.

7. Lack of Demonstrable Community Benefit

There appears to be little evidence that these proposals will provide any meaningful benefit to local residents. Instead, the primary beneficiaries appear to be commercial and industrial interests associated with the expansion of the industrial estate. Residents are expected to bear the negative consequences without receiving any corresponding benefit.

8. No Compensation for Affected Residents

Homeowners and residents who will suffer the loss of parking, reduced accessibility, increased traffic impacts, and potential reductions in property value are not being offered any form of compensation or mitigation.

9. Potential Increase in Vehicle Speeds

The current presence of parked vehicles along Chequers Street acts as a natural traffic-calming measure by encouraging drivers to proceed cautiously. Removing these vehicles and opening up the carriageway may encourage higher vehicle speeds around the bend, despite the presence of the mini-roundabout. Experience shows that many drivers do not treat mini-roundabouts with the level of caution intended, creating additional safety concerns for residents, pedestrians, and other road users.

For these reasons, I urge the decision-makers to reconsider the proposals and

undertake a full assessment of their impact on residents, accessibility, traffic safety, village character, and essential service access before proceeding.

Kind regards