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Application ref 20230605

Nuralite Industrial Estate Canal Road Higham Rochester Kent ME3 7JA

Application for a non-material amendment to planning permission reference number 20190290 to allow the addition of plan number 23/171/14 B and the amendment of conditions 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10, 11, 12, 13, 14,15 and 23.

There are two aspects to this application:

1) Additional plan for the previously permitted wall fronting Canal Road:

The proposed plan for the wall looks satisfactory (except that a plan for a completely different location has been uploaded as “Wall foundations – proposed”).

The additional annotation on the “Location Plan” element should be clarified.

Shorne Parish Council has no objection to the wall being built earlier than the rest of the site. However please note that the proposed wall is in Higham parish whereas the rest of the site is in Shorne.

The space behind the wall should be filled and covered with imported, clean topsoil.

A detailed planting plan to permanently screen the site from Canal Road needs to be provided and implemented, by Condition if appropriate.

The applicant is reminded that this area of the site is very heavily contaminated with Asbestos so full appropriate protective precautions should be taken when disturbing earth for the wall foundations.

2) Changing the Conditions

This is more difficult. The reasons stated on the application form are understood and we leave it to GBC as regards the legal/planning situation and any appropriate wording change in the conditions.

However, we would expect that, in order for the works to be judged as started, that the wall should be actually built. This is especially relevant as when the site visit was conducted it was apparent that there had been levelling of the site undertaken immediately behind where the wall will be located.