

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 15/08/2025 5:15 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:	Mrs Lisa Fisher

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Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED] Lower Higham

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments:	[REDACTED] Industrial traffic is the bane of my life. The point where the residential road bends to/from the Nuralite Estate is dangerous due to the amount of industrial traffic every single 24 hours of the day, 7 days a week. For example two normal size cars cannot pass side by side due to the narrowness of the bend. The extra large industrial vehicles often are stuck on the bend as they are probably reading sat nav. They are forced to reverse backwards and forwards to adjust their vehicle. Reverse alert beeping as they go. Even during the night. Vehicles carrying rail track often are stuck on the bend. [REDACTED] To think of the amount of vehicles this Act will cause added to the usual 1500+ vehicles that already use Canal Road is one of utter dread. Canal Road is a residential road, which is usually forgotten, made up of all age groups and physical abilities. From toddlers and primary school children walking to school without a pavement in place. To young families, middle aged and elderly with disabilities trying to be safe. It is important to emphasise that Canal Road does not have pavements. People stepping from their garden gate is
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stepping directly on to the road surface with vehicles passing inches away at speed.

The speed limit is bizarrely 30mph without weight or height restrictions in place. The vehicles stick to this by driving at 30mph or more as a race track. The vehicles use the drive way of Hazelee, a residential house on the bend, as a turning/passing point. The same for Malt Shovel also a residential house. This particular resident does not use their front door as it is a meter from the open road and built a side entrance. My home is 1.7m from the road which is also my bedroom.

If a traffic light system is put in place to control the vehicles it will add to the nightmare of backing up traffic and drivers becoming frustrated with late delivery times. Traffic would be backed up to Nuralite to exit. To enter the traffic would have to back up Lower Rochester Road, Chequers Street to the entrance to Higham Rail Station, School Lane up to the village and Church Street. Canal Road, Lower Rochester Road, Church Street and Chequers Road are a cross roads with a blind bending narrow roads. Damage to property is expected. The traffic fumes from idle industrial vehicles would be horrendous and damaging to public health. Heat from the vehicles damaging the local environment. Noise from engines and beeping reverse sensors and of course frustration shown in vehicle horns.

The village cannot cope and does not have the infrastructure to manage the existing vehicles. The Parish Council bizarrely recommended the Lower Rochester Road to divert the traffic from School Lane to protect the majority of villagers. This decision passed the problem to Lower Higham. Lower Rochester Road is a tractor dirt road not a road to be used by industrial vehicles. But out of sight, out of mind. Unless a person lives here.

The solution is clearly and sensibly to use the rail network. Access the Hoo Junction and Queens Farm. This is the most environmentally safe solution and could run during the overnight times when the public network is halted. With the vehicle increase kept to a minimum. Nuralite is the home of Hoo Junction, it accommodates Balfour Beatty which services the rail network.

Canal Road is not a suitable as it exists. Many business applications put to the The Traffic Commissioner of London & South Eastern are England refused due to the unsuitability of the road and the environmental concerns within.

I object to this Application in the strongest terms to avoid the emotional misery to the public. I object on Environmental Grounds.

Kind regards