

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 02/06/2026 8:05 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] Nickleby Cottages Church street Higham

Comments Details

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

Reasons for comment:

Comments: I wish to formally object to the proposed changes to the road layout and associated expansion plans.
I live on church street, just along from Chequers Road and I am concerned about the impact the proposed roundabout and road alterations will have on local residents and the wider community.
On-street parking currently relied upon by residents is located on these roads nearest to the junction. Without this, parking will spread up onto Church Street and other rural areas increasing busyness of a rural road and blocking access for my own house. To be clear, cars do not disappear - they simply move. You cannot avoid this.
The proposed yellow line restrictions around the roundabout would remove a substantial amount of the parking currently relied upon by residents on a daily basis. This is not simply a matter of parking slightly further away; for many households it would remove the only realistic parking available near their homes. This would cause considerable disruption and would particularly affect elderly residents, families with young children, carers, visitors and those with mobility difficulties. The proposal would therefore remove established residential parking

without providing any meaningful replacement. Given the village recently got rid of the Drs surgery in Higham and now people have to get to Cliffe, cars are a requirement in this village. The only bus that goes there stops in this location. I am also concerned that the proposal would increase traffic movements through this residential area and place further pressure on roads already heavily affected by industrial traffic.

Canal Road has previously been deemed unsuitable for HGV use by the Traffic Commissioner, yet this appears to have been overlooked. Residents already experience significant disruption from HGV and LGV traffic associated with the industrial estate, and any expansion is likely to increase vehicle movements further, placing even greater strain on the local road network and residential community.

There also appears to be insufficient evidence that the proposed roundabout would provide any meaningful improvement to traffic management or road safety. The existing road layout is long established, and the primary issues experienced by residents stem from the volume and nature of industrial traffic rather than the absence of a roundabout.

In contrast, the negative impact on residents is both immediate and obvious. The loss of valuable residential parking, increased disruption to daily life and the likelihood of additional industrial traffic are all clear and foreseeable.

For all of these reasons, I strongly object to the proposed development and request that full consideration is given to the impact on residents, parking provision, traffic levels, HGV movements, accessibility and overall quality of life within the village.

I very much hope this will be reconsidered.

Kind regards