

Richard Hart
Gravesham Borough Council

Our ref: PA-0005131/02
Your ref: 20260521
23 July 2026

Sent by email

Dear Richard,

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).

Nuralite Industrial Estate, Canal Road, Higham, Rochester Kent

Thank you for consulting us on the above application which we received on 16 July 2026. As part of this consultation, we have reviewed the following documents and those available on the planning portal:

- Additional information from the applicant provided by the Local Planning Authority (Email, 16 July 2026 , Local Planning Authority)

Environment Agency position

We have **no objection to the discharge of condition 11** following further information received from the applicant.

We find this strategy acceptable and we are able to discharge this condition on the basis that an updated PEA is submitted prior to the work commencing.

Please refer to the following sections for our full response:

- Section 1: Advice to Applicant

Please note that our comments are based on the details available to us at the time of writing. If any subsequent changes are made to the application, please reconsult us.

Decision notice

In accordance with the planning practice guidance ([determining a planning application, paragraph 019](#)), please notify us by email within two weeks of a decision

being made or application withdrawn. Please provide us with a URL of the decision notice, or an electronic copy of the decision notice or outcome.

Should you have any queries regarding this response, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Carly Morrison

Sustainable Places Planning Advisor

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Section 1: Advice to the Applicant

FBG Advice

Please note the optimal time for water vole surveys is between mid-April and September.

Planning advice service

Should you wish us to review any technical documents or want further advice to meet the requirements of the conditions recommended, we may do this as part of our charged for planning advice service.

Further engagement will provide you with certainty of our position as to what our response to your planning application will be. It should also result in a better quality and more environmentally sensitive development.

As part of our charged for service we will provide a dedicated project manager to act as a single point of contact to help resolve any problems. We currently charge £119.37 per hour, plus VAT. We will provide you with an estimated cost for any further discussions or review of documents. The standard terms of our charged for service are available [here](#).

If you would like more information on our planning advice service, including a cost estimate, please contact us at kslplanning@environment-agency.gov.uk