

Planning Comments

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To whom it may concern at Sevenoaks council planning department,

I write in connection with the above reference, namely the Fort Halstead planning development application.

Sadly, I have to object to these works taking place on many grounds. I will briefly outline a few of my reasonable objections therein;

The building of such an expansive settlement will surely disrupt this well established AONB and Green Belt. This in turn encourages urban sprawl, merging villages and forcing encroachment rather than safeguarding our countrysides. I feel our site will lose its identity..

The planned development seems to be out of balance with this highly sensitive green belt area.

Larger parishes have smaller housing allocations than us, namely the areas of Edenbridge, Sevenoaks and Westerham having an allocation of 940 whereas ours as a smaller parish has an allocation of 1053.

Where are the transport links to our ever increasing area?

You cannot increase the traffic and residential influx to the area without considering a public transport infrastructure. The roads already fall apart with heavy rains and cold conditions, how will they cope under the weight of the construction vehicular traffic over the development time?

Not to mention the affect to the air quality of the area, with a traffic rise of up to 4000 movements a day.

Currently, the Fort Halstead site regularly struggles with its water supply, ranging from leaks, periods of no water then periods of unsafe water.

No one will take full responsibility for the water issues.

Many water companies have approached SDC asking them to consider carrying out an impact study prior to development. This has not been granted as it seems smaller developments in the area were approved alongside the Water Frame Directive Assessment.

When choosing to build such an immense development upon this area, an area which incapsulates an Ancient Woodland, has anyone considered the irreplaceable damage that will inevitably fall upon its mature trees and the many species of wildlife that call it home!

This is not in line with any protection or conservation policy.

These are but a few appeals I feel I need to bring to your attention to oppose the upcoming proposed planing development, I could go on to mention the disruption to our privacy, cosmetic enjoyment of the location and thoroughly devaluing our properties..

I am resident in 10 Armstrong Close on this site previously mentioned.

Yours faithfully

Carl Krog