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29TH October 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Planning Application Reference: 19/05000/HYB

Application Received Tue 24 Sep 2019

Address DSTL Fort Halstead Crow Drive Halstead Sevenoaks KENT TN14 7BU

I am writing to object to the above planning application. I note from the planning application that it is proposed to use Star Hill Road as a secondary access point, in addition, the application is requesting a further 300 dwellings, presumably to ‘replace’ the hotel that was originally granted in the previous application and which would have brought both jobs and increased tourism to the area. As SDC has always stated that this development should be predominantly business/commercial focused rather than predominantly housing focused, this application does not fulfil that criteria.

If the development is granted, of the proposed 750 houses, (based upon the National Statistics from the Department of Transport for the South East), 120 dwellings will not have a vehicle (16%), 366 will have 1 vehicle and 264 (42% of those who have a vehicle) will have 2 or more vehicles which will total at least an additional 894 cars using the surrounding (already overcrowded) roads and when this is added to the commercial vehicles using and visiting the development, as well as taking into account of other applications for development within the local area, the strain on the surrounding roads will be considerable. This increased traffic will no doubt create congestion, pollution and traffic noise which in turn will have a negative impact upon the health and wellbeing of those living in the area.

It is imperative that the Star Hill Road access remains restricted—emergency services vehicles and buses only. Star Hill is very steep, narrow, has no pedestrian pavements, has a series of hairpin bends with no visibility, and over weekends is heavily used by cyclists and cycle clubs. It has been the scene of several major accidents, including a fatality, all of which SDC should be aware of from objections raised by the previous application. Should the existing (which is currently restricted) exit from Ford Halstead onto Star Hill be made available for general use, congestion and the accident risk will rise, creating a danger to road users and the general public.

Yours Sincerely

Susan Fowler

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