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Sevenoaks
Kent. TN14 7DG
22nd July 2020

Dear Madam

Attn:- Claire Shearing

Re Proposed Plans for Fort Halstead Your Ref:- 19/05000/HYB

I protest most strongly to this Planning Application with concern on the following points

There too many homes proposed for the site, with a development this size it will completely change the area the density is too great

We very often have a shortage of water in the South East, so what are plans are being put into place to be able to supply all these extra homes? The residents have been on bottle water for months on several occasions because of contaminated water.

Cyclist

We have enough cyclist coming through the village now, the lanes are not suitable for too many more, and it certainly not safe for children to cycle. I note cycle lanes are being created it is essential to keep these separate from the lanes.

Bus Service

Halstead village hasn't got a bus to Sevenoaks, it has been postponed, will we get it back? When we had the 402 every hour it was a good service it worked well. I have a car but when we had a bus I used it. We have a bus pass but what use is for everyday trips? I wouldn't mind paying something towards the pass if we had a bus service that is useable. To have to wait 2hrs for a return connection is far from convenient.

School Bus

Are you aware these buses are already full with children, at times some having to stand, this is quite unacceptable, it is dangerous. The parents pay quite a fee for the school bus so the children should all get a seat. This situation must be addressed properly in the planning process.

School

Halstead already has a school which is under subscribed and could be made accessible. Why another school, this one could be upgraded to cover the extra children.

Trains

The trains are already full by the time they get to Knockholt Station, British rail have already advised they cannot have longer trains because of the length of platforms between tunnels, also they cannot get anymore trains on the lines into London. This will mean that many more cars will be on our roads causing untold congestion.

I hope you will consider all this before you turn our lovely old village into a small town. How many times do we have to keep pointing these points out!

Mrs J A Brown