

## Planning Comments

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**From:** Jane Marshall [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 November 2019 17:14  
**To:** Planning Comments  
**Subject:** Re: Fort Halstead Development

**Categories:** Orange Category

Hi Peter

My address is 5, Burlings Lane, Knockholt TN14 7PB Kind regards Jane Marshall

> On 18 Nov 2019, at 12:14, Planning Comments <planning.comments@sevenoaks.gov.uk> wrote:

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> Dear Ms Marshall,

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> Thank you for your email.

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> In order for us to record your comments, I'd be grateful if you would supply your full postal address.

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> Kind regards

> Peter

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Jane Marshall [REDACTED]

> Sent: 16 November 2019 16:47

> To: Planning Comments <planning.comments@sevenoaks.gov.uk>

> Subject: Fort Halstead Development

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> Dear Sir/ Madam

> I am writing to you regarding the proposed development at Fort Halstead which as expanded from an initial 450 dwellings to 750 with the existing 62 other residences on the site.

> I feel that the sheer size of this proposed development will have the effect of swamping the local villages in this area.

> The density of housing and the proposed level of 3 storey properties again are not in keeping with the current rural nature of this location in Kent.

> I would also question the proposed density of housing in any case.

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> Public transport by bus is very limited and the station at Knockholt is more than 2 miles distant. The car parking at the station is currently very crowded and there is considerable over spill along the main road.

> Most journeys will therefore be by car on already poor winding lanes which are badly lit if at all during the winter months.

> Leading on with the roads and car situation any increase in local traffic in the area would be of concern to our badly maintained roads.

> The decision in the current plans to use as an entrance and exit to the development at Fort Halstead on to Star Hill reneging on the earlier proposals not to do this is madness and I suggest a site visit to Star Hill would give an understanding of what a small steep and winding road this is.

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> A further observation to this projected plan with so many new houses and increased population to this area is the local amenities and services, shops and schools to location which currently has one village shop in Knockholt, no dentist or doctor and a small village school with similar facilities at the adjoining Halstead village. What evidence do we have that these facilities will be increased to meet the demand of the new residents? This will also put more pressure on the existing facilities in Orpington and Sevenoaks practices and schools.

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> In summing up is this development of so many homes really necessary in this area?

> The impact on the local community and environment will be immense and I envisage an urban sprawl developing from Sevenoaks to Orpington in the near future.

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> I beg you with this points in mind to reconsider this proposal for the development of Fort Halstead in its present form.

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> Yours sincerely

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> Jane Marshall

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