

# Comments for Planning Application 19/05000/HYB

## Application Summary

Application Number: 19/05000/HYB

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

Proposal: Hybrid application comprising, in outline: development of business space (use classes B1a/b/c) of up to 27,659 sq m GEA; works within the X enclave relating to energetic testing operations, including fencing, access, car parking; development of up to 750 residential dwellings; development of a mixed use village centre (use classes A1/A3/A4/A5/B1a/D1/D2); primary school; change of use of Fort Area and bunkers to Historic Interpretation Centre (use class D1) with workshop space and; associated landscaping, works and infrastructure. In detail: demolition of existing buildings; change of use and works including extension and associated alterations to buildings Q13 and Q14 including landscaping and public realm, and primary and secondary accesses to the site.

Case Officer: Claire Shearing

## Customer Details

Name: Mrs Rebecca Kelly

Address: 24 Fort Road Halstead

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to this application on the basis that it will change the nature of the local area, create traffic and noise and light pollution. I live in the roads surrounding the current Fort and we have a quiet community with little noise and no street lights; this was a significant factor in choosing to buy my house here. This development will change this completely, adding unwanted light and noise pollution. Furthermore, it is surrounded by woodland in which I regularly walk which will be significantly disrupted or felled by the works. Whilst accepting that some building would occur on the Fort land, 750 homes is far too many. It will change the nature of the area, altering it irreparably. There will be a significant increase in traffic and road damage as there are few public transport links in this area. In addition, there are not the jobs in the local area to support this many potential families, even with the suggested industrial element.

Whilst some elements could be useful, such as the community hub and I completely agree with the heritage aspect including the Interpretation Centre, this is a quiet rural area which I feel would be changed in an almost entirely negative way by adding what would essentially have to be a large housing estate.