

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 27,773 sqm GEA; works within the X enclave relating to energetic testing operations, including fencing, access, car parking; development of up to 635 residential dwellings; development of a mixed use village centre (use classes A1/A3/A4/A5/B1a/D1/D2); land safeguarded for a 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: Mr Jamie Price

Address: 19 Fort Road Halstead Sevenoaks

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I live in fort road just off where the new development has been proposed. I do not want this to go ahead for the following reasons:

1. The ongoing noise is going to cause distress to myself as well as local wildlife.
2. The additional traffic on the roads will cause havoc in the surrounding area, we do not have capacity to support the potential of another 1200 (based on 2 cars per household) driving in the fort and the surrounding villages.
3. The area I chose to live in is quite, light pollution free and noise free. The development will impact all of these key points.
4. Have there been any assessments carried out to find out what the impact of noise on adults and children with autism or Aspergers in the immediate area will have? If not these need to be carried out as you could have a severely detrimental impact on people suffering with neurological illnesses.
5. There is a B-Line (which encourages native insects to thrive, specifically bees) that runs directly through crow drive and links Biggin Hill to Maidstone, the building work could destroy this passage as well as thousands of bees which the country is currently trying to prevent.
6. There are rare creatures that have been sighted up at the fort since covid such as Kites (which are now regularly seen) hedgehogs, shrews and more. As well as this deer, foxes, badgers,

woodpeckers and other bird species are a common sight. More cars will push the wildlife away from the area and there will be an increase in wildlife death in the surrounding area.

7. We live in an AONB and so this eye sore will ruin the surrounding area.

8. Local villages such as Shoreham, otford, chipstead and Eynsford run the risk of overcrowding. We've seen a huge increase in people coming to these secluded areas during covid and causing havoc and destroying the villages.

9. Can you confirm the previous plan of 450 house has now expired as it's been over 3 years.

10. The building work 6days a week for 11years as per the new plans will be a living nightmare for myself and my partner and we should have to endure that stress for that amount of time. You will also impact the prices of the houses if we decide to sell during these proposed 11 years as people generally don't want to live next to a building site.

11. Due to covid, I would expect new housing to be built in the already existing vast array of commercial properties that are very likely to become vacant due to working from home becoming the new norm.

12. Knockholt train-station and Dunton-Green as two platform stations are completely inadequate for the potential of additional 1200 commuters plus those who are potentially commuting to the fort as part of the commercial proposal for the site.

I object to the entirety of the developers plans regardless of how many properties are put forwards. I hope the planning committee takes these points seriously as this development will ruin lives.