

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 Anthony Crafter

Address: Hedgerows Pound Lane Knockholt Sevenoaks Kent

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This development is contrary in so many aspects where development within Green Belt should preserve or enhance the openness and character of the Green Belt (National Planning Policy Framework paras 89/90). The bulk form of this development will be a blight on the flora & fauna of this beautiful urban area and the historical aspects of this site.

I am gravely worried about the transportation and rat-running through Old London Road, Knockholt and Main Road. The blind junction at the bottom of Old London Road is narrow and has no sight lines to the left. Likewise, the access to the site on Starhill Road has limited visual aspect. Indeed the whole surrounding infrastructure is totally unequipped for all the extra demands that will be made upon it by the resulting substantial increase in traffic.

The Allocations and Development Management Plan states the extension or alterations to buildings and built form are providable as long as it doesn't result in disproportionate built form over and above original buildings. This does not comply in any way at all.

This development flies in the face of policy EN1 by bulk, height, scale and form. Furthermore, the topography of this site would introduce light pollution from the top of the hill which would be visible as far afield as Tonbridge.