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From: Jonathan Bloomer [redacted]
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Dear Sirs,

I write as a resident of Knockholt (Court Lodge, Main Road, TN14 7LR) to object in the strongest possible terms to the planning application for the proposed development at Fort Halstead.

The reasons for my objection, and why I believe this application should be refused, are as follows:

- the 2015 application was 'employment led' with substantial job creation. That has now all disappeared. As a result, the original rationale for allowing the development has completely fallen away.
- the proposed employment uses have been replaced with more housing, compounding the other problems I note below.
- the proposed housing density is not in keeping with the immediately surrounding area and risks destroying the nature of the local community which is in an AONB zone.
- there is no real provision of services (surgery, shop, nursery etc) now included. The number of houses (and therefore families proposed) will put undue pressure on existing services.
- The development will, inevitably generate a huge amount of additional traffic. Not only residents cars, but delivery vans etc. The local roads are narrow and, generally, poorly maintained. There will be further wear & tear, more potholes and, most especially, more accidents.
- the access to Star Hill is not proposed to be blocked/limited. My point above is particularly relevant here. Star Hill, given its nature, use by cyclists, blind bends etc is not at all suitable for more traffic in any shape, let alone access from a large, dense development. More accidents are inevitable here.

I do hope that SDC and it's planning committee will throw out this application in its current form and force the developers to go back to an employment led scheme, force proper provision of local services and force real consideration of traffic needs to have a development which might bring real benefit to the local community.

Yours faithfully,

Jonathan Bloomer

Sent from my mobile device