

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: Mrs K Kean

Address: Otford Lane Halstead

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Though I fully support the employment side of this application, I STRONGLY OBJECT to 635 homes and a possible primary school.

We need jobs and the employment side looks good. Buildings can be built on existing footprint; traffic will be controlled; the green areas can be left as is.

635 houses:- NO.

1) Traffic. This area is surrounded by already busy country lanes that are very narrow. Polhill is extremely busy. The amount of cars 7 days a week, several times a day is simply not plausible.

2) Nature. This site has ancient woodland and some is green belt. It needs protection.

3) Contamination. For many years this site has been used for explosives and in the past nuclear research was carried out here. How is the site going to be decontaminated? Currently there are 56 houses and the residents often have to use bottled water. What happens when soil is disrupted for extra building over the current footprint?

4) Another proposal for a primary school however no provision anywhere for secondary school education.

No to extra houses.