

# 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 Lisa O'Donovan

Address: 7 Armstrong Close Sevenoaks

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Despite the very slight reduction in units and access alterations, my previous comments still stand. I would like to add that after digesting the amended plans, I am somewhat bemused by the reports presented by CBRE.

In their Design & Access statement 3.10, they describe how the current residents of Fort Halstead are supplied and charged for their water services. What they negate to advise is that these residents have had major water issues since the properties were sold off some four years ago. There have been numerous occasions when residents are left without water or drinking water. One period left residents without drinking water for 6 months. Residents had to wash their hands, food and brush their teeth with bottled water whilst numerous tests were carried out on the contaminated supply.

In their Major Accident & Disasters Report again CRBE write that:

"In addition, the utilities providers already have in place procedures to allow users to report a failure in supply of a particular utility so that repairs and continuation of supply can be enabled. On this basis, it is considered that suitable mitigation is already in place, such that further assessment

of potential risks within the EIA would be a reiteration and hence unnecessary. For this reason, this disaster/accident type is proposed to be scoped out of further consideration".

Just 3 weeks ago, for the 3rd time in 10 months, residents were again without any water. This happened on a weekend and despite paying out of hours charges, the block management company could not be contacted until the following Monday. Again residents were given bottled water, and had to collect any extra if they required this. Again during the summer when the country is in the middle of a pandemic calling for extra hand washing. It was a further 10 days before the water was declared fit for human consumption.

Over the past 4 years residents have had to on numerous occasions resort to using the village recreation ground showers, or those of family and friends. They have spent hours at laundrettes and had the indignity of having to fill their toilet systems with bottled water before being able to use the bathroom. They have had to boil saucepan upon saucepan of bottled water to take a bath, all of the above in 2020 whilst paying above average water charges.

There should be no building of any new houses and facilitating those until the current houses can be serviced adequately first.

SDC should have addressed this situation a long time ago and it is abhorrent that they would even consider the above application until these issues have been rectified.