

# 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 27,659 sq m GEA; works within the X enclave relating to energetic testing operations, including fencing, access, car parking; development of up to 750 residential dwellings; development of a mixed use village centre (use classes A1/A3/A4/A5/B1a/D1/D2); 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 Paul Jeff

Address: 1 The Pound Main Road Knockholt

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I wish to register my objection to the proposed redevelopment plan for Fort Halstead. This proposed development of up to 750 residential properties is completely disproportionate for the local area. The village of Halstead has a current population of around 1,600 (2011 census) and Knockholt a population of 1,166. Both communities will be dwarfed by this local development which is clearly not in keeping with the existing rural environment. This development promotes urban sprawl which is unacceptable.

The area already suffers from poor transport infrastructure which will be exacerbated by this development. Many more cars will be on local roads presenting a clear threat to public safety and public health. There will be a significant impact on air quality, flora and fauna.

A development of this scale will also have a detrimental impact on local schools, NHS services and other local amenities. Quite simply, the area does not have the capacity to absorb a development of this scale.

The Kent Downs Our AONB needs to be protected and cherished and a development of this size brings little or no tangible benefits to the area and local economy.

For the reasons set out above, I urge Sevenoaks Council to reject this application.

Yours sincerely

Paul Jeff