

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 Suzanne Marquis

Address: 7 The Meadows Halstead Sevenoaks

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Further to the revised planning application for Fort Halstead, I would like to register my objection to this for the following reasons:

The reduction to 635 houses is laughable and the difference to the 750 originally proposed is negligible!

The infrastructure to facilitate the occupants of this amount of housing is far too small! We are surrounded by country lanes (which are poorly maintained with numerous pot holes) and the increase in the amount of people using them will only make them worse.

The nearest train station (Knockholt Station) which, despite being on a commuting line, is far from adequate to cope with the increase in passengers. It is at best a countryside station which trains run half hourly and cannot accommodate more passengers either on the platforms or on the trains themselves which can be full to capacity by the time the train stops at Knockholt.

The extra strain on our already struggling hospitals (the Princess Royal in particular, as this is the hospital that is the closest) and the doctors surgeries that are already full. Where will the new

occupants register?

The residents of Halstead, Knockholt and Badgers Mount do wonder why this part of north Kent has been earmarked for so much development. With the proposed development at Broke Hill and this development, Halstead will be sandwiched between the two and will certainly lose its rural feel. We chose to live in a semi-rural area for a reason and this is being threatened with the amount of proposed developments.

To conclude, I want to make it abundantly clear that I reject this development and will continue to do. I sincerely hope that Sevenoaks Council will agree with our concerns and also reject this.

Perhaps the developers could take their money to an area that needs rejuvenating and where affordable housing stock is in a higher demand and leave our village alone!