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Revised planning application for Fort Halstead - 750 houses

Dear Sir/Madam

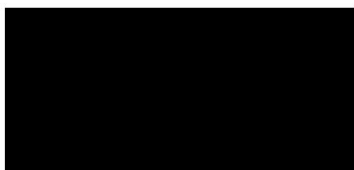
We would like to add our objection to the building of 750 homes on the Fort Halstead site. The developers are not taking responsibility for the lack of infrastructure in their plans (GP surgeries, dentists, schools and transport) and choose not to understand the impact the increased traffic will have on small lanes and the dangerous Star Hill.

They are in denial that the proposed 750 houses will result in a large increase in the number of cars (1000 - 1500) on the local roads as there is not alternative transport and there are no shops or community services locally.

Trains to London are already very crowded and there will be an increase of cars from the site driving to stations up and down the line. Car parks at local stations Sevenoaks, Orpington and Knockholt are currently already at capacity. There is an exceedingly limited bus service in the area to get to local stations, walking and biking - another suggestion - is not a viable option for the villages on the North Downs. Developers' planners suggest that they will run buses to stations in peak periods ignoring the fact that many people now work outside peak hours and those working from home have appointments outside these hours. Personal appointments and social activities also do not lie between 8am - 10am or 5pm - 8pm. Cars will be used.

The proposed development will be of a higher density than the surrounding villages and will be creating a new town in an area of outstanding beauty and within the Green Belt. The area is increasingly and repeatably under threat of development with two major developments - Fort Halstead and Broke Hill - again on the Sevenoaks planners' table. Please listen to the objections of the local people.

Yours faithfully



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