

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: Mr Raymond Hewitt

Address: Oakwood Pound Lane Knockholt

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: It is with regret that Developers see the Green Belt areas within the M25 for housing redevelopment. This appears partly supported by the current Mayor of London. It is clear that the infrastructure within these areas is totally incapable of supporting the schemes envisaged at Polhill and Broke Hill and is a mere profit making exercise for those who have made applications, without any regard to the locality or the Green Belt policies of the SDC.

The initial offer of job creating commercial use made in earlier applications was clearly an offer to entice planning consent. Such offers are dwindling into a residential only situation as that is when the developers see money. Let us keep and retain our Green Belt land in accordance with the SDC planning policies. Perhaps the developers should be looking at other brownfield sites or other previously underdeveloped sites to create their money making schemes albeit they would likely be less profitable than using in some instances virgin Green Belt. There is also great concern over the instability of Polhill itself and whether it could take the huge influx of traffic

Development of this size will have a catastrophic impact on the surrounding villages