

# 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 Alan Lewis

Address: 8 Fort Road, Halstead, Sevenoaks, KENT TN14 7BW

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I would like to strongly object to the revised planned development at Fort Halstead. The proposal to build a further 300 homes on top of the 450 already planned will leave the surrounding roads, services and infrastructure unable to cope. No provision seems to have been made to cope with the influx of people and cars coming into the area. I regularly cycle including commuting to work and it is already very hazardous on the local roads without adding more vehicles. Local public transport is non-existent (it's at least a 45 minute walk to Knockholt train stn) so the majority people at any new development will have to drive. Most houses will have at least two cars so that's an extra 1300 cars on the road.

Reference document MAJOR ACCIDENTS AND DISASTERS REPORT, section 3.4 - I have serious concerns about how the water situation at the Fort has been downplayed, and lack of attention given to how the water infrastructure supplying the existing 80 homes is already woefully inadequate. Adding an additional 635 homes plus commercial buildings to this supply will have catastrophic effect on this supply (which has failed on numerous occasions normally meaning we are unable to drink the water for a number of days). There is no 'mitigation' plan in place for the failure of the water except supplying bottled water which is not sufficient. I would expect the developer to commit to replacing the water infrastructure for the existing ~80 homes.

As residents of the ~80 homes at Fort Halstead, we made the decision to have our street lights turned off to mitigate light pollution in line with the Councils policy. Based on the proposal for lighting it is now going to be forced back on us with lots of street lights within the development and that lack of light pollution will be lost. Developers should commit to a streetlight time curfew as in other countryside areas.

The proposed new development is in an area of outstanding beauty. There is also a plan to build a 1000 houses at Broke Hill. Combine this with the plans for Fort Halstead and the whole area will just become another suburb of London. It's a fantastic place to live but these developments will completely destroy the rural feel of the area with increased traffic levels and greater pollution.

The developers submitting these plans seem to be just interested in building as many houses as they can. They will keep submitting new proposals with slightly lower levels of proposed housing until finally they get one that's accepted regardless of how it effects the local area. But then why should they care because they don't live there.