

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 Darren Read

Address: Rose Garden Cottage Knockholt

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am appalled at this cynical new application for the development of Fort Halstead. The new owners should be ashamed.

I am strongly opposed to this application, as per my prior comments in previous applications. In summary, it is an inappropriate development on green belt land, with a development density that is ludicrously high, with a severe lack of adequate local and transport facilities.

The Trojan horse prior application was granted on the understanding of job creation, through the planned hotel. This is now gone and so therefor are the grounds for that granting.

Meanwhile the idea of a Star Hill entrance seems to have risen from the ashes. The allowing of this would be very dangerous, and any planner signing it off in the face of such strong local knowledge is acting recklessly.

There are no exceptional circumstances that should allow this development to take place, and so I urge for its rejection.