

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 Terry Halliday

Address: Clacs Ley Church Road Halstead, Sevenoaks

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I strongly oppose this application. This amendment does not make any substantial changes to the previous application so my previous objections still apply. This was always meant to be a commercial led development with the houses being secondary to the business park. The present one does not mention this. It increases the number of houses and cuts the commercial area from 3.6 hectares to 2.7. They are clearly trying to increase the number of more profitable houses at the expense of the commercial.

There is no infrastructure to deal with the extra traffic this will cause. The road at Polhill is slowly slipping down the side of the hill and has had to be reduced in width for this reason. There was a report commissioned about 10 years ago which stated the enormous cost at that time to make it safe but highways stated they had no plans to carry out the work. These extra houses would make the situation much worse.

The site is extremely contaminated after years of work with with explosives, including the development of the atomic bomb by Dr William Penney We have received no independent assurances that this can and has been removed and made safe.

The proposed density of the site with the increase from 450 to 635 is 38.35 dph. This is twice the existing density locally.. There are also some areas which will be up to 55 dph. This is unacceptable on a rural green belt site..

I know there is pressure to build many houses but please do not increase this development to this size and desecrate an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Yours faithfully,

Terry Halliday

Clacs Ley, Church Road, Halstead