

# 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: Mrs Jean Cozens

Address: Penshurst, Otford Lane Halstead

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I strongly object to this latest planning application for Fort Halstead. In particular the increased number of dwellings (750) together with those in the recent planning application for Broke Hill (1030) will completely swamp the surrounding villages. The majority of the land is Green Belt and this development will destroy the very thing that makes the area an attractive place to live and visit. Sevenoaks and Orpington will become ever closer due to such urban sprawl.

The previous application included job creating commercial developments that now seem to have been abandoned in favour of more lucrative housing. However Sevenoaks is an "Unemployment hotspot" ( see Sunday Times Business Section 3.11.19 "The Towns that aren't working"). The majority of new residents will therefore not be working at Fort Halstead yet there are no proposals to improve the already overcrowded local roads. Otford Lane is just one such busy country road. The proposed secondary access onto Star Hill may spread the traffic but Star Hill is itself a steep and dangerous country lane.

Fort Halstead has well known contamination issues. This proposed increased development can only increase the risk to both residents and surrounding areas.

This application must be rejected.