

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 Jo Rees MBE

Address: Lambs Cottage, 1 The Pound Main Road Knockholt

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Please accept this as my objection to the Fort Halstead redevelopment plan.

Knockholt - 1,166 population

Halstead - 1,600 population

This new development of 750 dwelling would mean that the small villages of Knockholt and Halstead would be dwarfed by the massive influx of new inhabitants. This is in no way in keeping with this rural environment in an AONB.

The lanes surrounding our villages are narrow and already overused. Nothing about this planning application in any way will enhance this special, rare and beautiful area. The lives of existing inhabitants (human, wildlife and flora) will not be enriched, but damaged.

Transport, schools, general amenities will be unable to support this influx of extra people.

Knockholt and the surrounds will be swallowed up in an urban sprawl - entirely inappropriate of this rural area.

I urge SDC to reject this application