

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 John Collins

Address: Magnolia Cottage Harrow Road Knockholt

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am writing to follow up the recent objection letter from Mr Slinn on behalf of THE Knockholt Society

I agree all of the points made although, as I have said in previous correspondence personally I do recognise the need to provide more homes and opportunities for work in the area and as a site with some existing development (although regarded as Green Belt) the Fort Halstead site is potentially the most appropriate.

The issue here is clearly the density of the proposals and the lack of proposed new infrastructure, as well as impact on those around (in particular roads and I am given to understand the the issue of supplying adequate water supplies to the site will be problematical)

If the building/housing density issue were addressed, which I doubt, then the main issue as far as I am concerned relates to that of traffic and in particular the proposed use of The Star Hill access road. Previous applications were on the acceptable basis of restricted use to buses, emergency vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians, and horses. This has now been removed.

Any agreed development which permitted unrestricted use of Star Hill would be unacceptable. It is a narrow, poorly maintained unlit road and its general use would immediately adversely impact on Knockholt and surrounding villages. Please take the absolutely inappropriate proposed use of Star Hill into account in your deliberations.