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From: Eileen Metcalf [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 July 2020 16:41
To: Planning Comments
Subject: Re: Development at Fort Halstead

Dear Ms Shearing
Your ref : 19/05000/HYB

Thank you for your letter dated 6th July 2020 .

Please can I relate to my previous letter below dated 29th October , 2019 ,all the points detailed there are still relevant.

Further to this :

1. A report in the Times newspaper dated 9th July 2020 stated that Kent had the greatest increase in built-up area of any county in the country between 1990 and 2015 . Surely this is sufficient.
2. Covid 19 has shown that we need more open spaces , not less
3. There are now a huge number of empty business spaces , much better positioned than Fort Halstead, more are surplus to requirements.
- 4 .There are sufficient empty business areas for affordable housing as well , which is the only real type of accommodation needed . This is an absolute waste of beautiful countryside.
5. Finally , any thought of increasing traffic on Star Hill is sheer madness .

Yours sincerely
Eileen Metcalf

From: Eileen Metcalf [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 1:27 PM
To: sevenoaks planning <planning.comments@sevenoaks.gov.uk>
Subject: Development at Fort Halstead

Apologies , forgot to put my address on my last e-mail

From: Eileen Metcalf [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 1:22 PM
To: sevenoaks planning <planning.comments@sevenoaks.gov.uk>
Subject: Development of Fort Halstead

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Dear Ms Salter
Ref 19/05000/HYB

Thank you for your letter dated 17th October regarding the future development of the Fort Halstead site.

The plans for development in this area are totally unacceptable.

We have lived in Knockholt for nearly 50 years and already the roads and local facilities are at breaking point. If this goes ahead there will certainly be great risk to life on both Pole Hill and Star Hill , especially with the vast increase in the numbers of cyclists

Where are these new residents going to work ? The trains and roads are totally overloaded and the bus services have been reduced .Local commercial units won't happen, those here already are closing due to lack of infrastructure. The business spaces would therefore ultimately become further residential areas

With regard to education , although there may be some improvement at junior school level ,senior schools are already struggling with increase in numbers and again the roads are totally grid-locked.

Our local hospitals are already over-burdened . We witnessed the broken promises to improve health care when the proposed health centre at Dunton Green was turned into a block of flats.

Many of the proposed new dwellings are three stories. This in no way answers the need of affordable housing , first time buyers , families with young children or an ageing population and is certainly not in keeping with a rural area

Lastly it is very sad that the people we have voted to represent us have no care for the local green belt or wild life. Once this is lost there is no going back.

Yours truly
Eileen Metcalf