

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 Diana Wyatt

Address: Ashwood Knockholt Road Halstead, Sevenoaks

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: We object to any increase in the number of residential dwellings on this site.

The proposed increase from 450 to 750 houses together with a primary school will create a new 'village', the form, layout and density of which will contrast adversely with neighbouring settlements and with the AONB.

No increase beyond the existing buildings footprint should be permitted, nor any loss of irreplaceable ancient woodland, nor any encroachment into the surrounding countryside and Green Belt.

The local infrastructure is inadequate for this additional development. Surrounding lanes, single width in places, with no pavements, are dangerous enough already; the major roads are congested enough already; the site is not served well by public transport.

All the roads leading from both the primary and the secondary accesses have existing problems. The A224 suffers from flooding; Polhill suffers from subsidence. Otford Lane has had applications for HGV licences refused due to its being a very narrow, winding, rural lane, over a mile long, and passing a primary school. Star Hill is long and extremely steep, and has to be closed in icy/snowy

conditions; on its approach to Knockholt village there is a very sharp and dangerous turn. There are no secondary schools or medical centres in the area, which will thus add to traffic volume and to pressure on obtaining places at both.

Halstead's rural village identity will be irretrievably adversely affected by this adjoining urban-feel development. It offers nothing of benefit to the locality but, instead, will harm our quality of life even further with its accompanying increase in traffic, air pollution and light pollution.

Additionally, we are still extremely concerned regarding the assessment of, and the measures to deal with, the contamination known to be on this site.