

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: Mr Mathew Henworth

Address: 25 Willow Park Otford

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Interested Parties

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: My objection to this proposal is focused on the stresses likely to be caused to the local villages, supporting infrastructure and facilities. In particular, the increase in traffic volumes. As an Otford resident for over twenty years, the traffic volumes and speeds have become a serious problem; to the point where I have considered moving away from this very special village. Despite numerous attempts to introduce traffic calming, the situation remains the same.

This development of 750 homes will greatly amplify the already stressed roads through Otford village. At an average of two cars per home, that is another 1500 vehicles. As public transport is poor at best, these vehicles will add to the already substantial amount of traffic that uses Otford as a cut through to Sainsburys and Aldi on Otford road, as well as Wicks /Homebase and on towards Shoreham and Enysford. This in addition to the likely impact of the Broke Hill development on Otford.

No matter what the developers say, the roads around our local villages are just not capable or designed to handle the amount of traffic that use them today, let alone yet another development!

In addition to the traffic impact, what of the local facilities. I see mention of a Primary school, but

what about the stress on the local Doctors Surgeries? It is difficult enough now to get an appointment; how will these surgeries cope with the impact of a large development such as this?

This proposal needs very careful consideration by the council, as I believe a decision to proceed will impact the local area in negative way and stress even further infrastructure that is already close to breaking.