



Ministry of Defence

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Your reference: SE/19/05000/HYB
Our reference: 2015-594

Dear Claire,

MOD Safeguarding – Fort Halstead

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.

Location: Fort Halstead, Crow Drive, Halstead, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN14 7BU.

Grid Ref: 549683, 159248

Thank you for consulting the Ministry of Defence (MOD) on the above proposed development which was received by this office on 06th July 2020.

The application site occupies the statutory explosives safeguarding zone surrounding Fort Halstead. Buildings within this zone should be 'non-vulnerable' that is of robust construction and design so that should an explosion occur at the site, buildings nearby will not collapse or sustain damage that could cause critical injury to the occupants.

After reviewing the application, I can confirm the MOD has no safeguarding objections to this proposal.

I trust this is clear however should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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