

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 Reg Oakley

Address: 1 Nightingale Road, Kemsing, KENT TN15 6RU

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I think initially an option of critical should be available also as a stance.

All are becoming increasingly aware of the need for active travel accompanied with carbon footprint reduction.

The plan shows a tick box of a few hundred yards of cycle path within the development, which might serve as a type of playground. However the ability to reach the development from elsewhere in an environmental friendly and in particular Knockholt station requires a substantial improvement on the cycle lane to the station. Cycle lanes unless of the mandatory nature are next to useless in giving any protection to cyclists. Ideally a segregated cycle path should be provided.

The development is already well surrounded by PROW footpaths. These should ideally be surfaced and redesignated as bridle paths or cycleways allowing for dual pedestrian cyclist use. This is in anticipation of the somewhat narrow surrounding roads carrying increased traffic as a result of the development.