

About the application

Application number: 2018/93591	
What is the application for?:	Erection of cafe/restaurant with bedrooms, interpretation facilities, formation
Address of the site or building:	Victoria Tower, Lumb Lane, Castle Hill, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD4 6TA
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection
<p>This application should be totally rejected as it is completely inappropriate in a location that is both a scheduled monument, an area of archaeological importance, a conservation area and designated green belt. The site is a 'heritage asset' as defined in Historic England's Heritage Protection Guide (2018).</p> <p>This site was scheduled as early as 30.03.1925 by English Heritage under monument number 1009846 and there are currently FIVE scheduled parts of the greater Castle Hill environment:-</p> <p>The Iron Age mult-vallate hillfort No. 49129 Remains of the 12th century castle No.1032947 Deserted Medieval remains No. 1032951 Earthworks in the annexe area No. 1032954 Traces of Neolithic activity No. 1044983</p> <p>In the latest version of the Kirklees Plan page 144 [SD1-MM96] Policy PLP35 states "DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS AFFECTING A DESIGNATED HERITAGE ASSET SHOULD PRESERVE OR ENHANCE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ASSET. IN CASES LIKELY TO RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL HARM OR LOSS, DEVELOPMENT WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED WHERE IT CAN BE DEMONSTRATED THAT THE PROPOSALS WOULD BRING SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC BENEFITS THAT CLEARLY OUTWEIGH THE HARM.</p> <p>It is my opinion that the only beneficiaries in this case are the applicants. Those reviewing this complaint against the application should also consider Note f in the Planning Policy Document:-</p> <p>"To preserve the setting of Castle Hill where appropriate and proposals which detrimentally impact on the setting of Castle Hill WILL NOT BE PERMITTED".</p>