

About the application

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

User comments

Type of comment: A general comment
<p>Castle Hill is of great historical value and significance as being the best preserved hillfort in Northern England. It includes the remains of a Bronze Age settlement, and Iron Age hillfort, the well-preserved remains of a 12th century motte and bailey castle and a deserted medieval village, and care should be taken to ensure that the structure remains empathetic to the nature of this ancient area.</p> <p>The development of this site could encourage interest in this important ancient historical site. Having visited Rievaulx Abbey and several other historic sites this year, where they have an attractive modern tourist centre and café, we have seen how the old and new can sit alongside each other happily and bring new life to the place. Our children have happy memories of going to the pub on Castle Hill when they were younger, and it would be good for tourism in the area if Castle Hill could be re-developed and encourage more people to come and enjoy the magnificent views and learn more about the history of the site.</p> <p>Stipulations should be in place to ensure that the commercial side does not take over the careful preservation of the site as an ancient structure.</p> <p>Our one concern is the flow of traffic on the very narrow road. Perhaps a discreet traffic light system could be used. The road should not be widened as it is in part of the ramparts of the ancient Iron Age fortification.</p> <p>According to the plans, no proposals are given for getting rid of sewage – surely this should be of prime consideration if accommodation and a café is to be built?</p> <p>Access to Castle Hill should remain open to the public whilst building work is being undertaken.</p>