

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: An objection
Castle Hill is a very significant site of Historic value, being regarded as one of the best preserved prehistorical iron age forts in the north of England, as well of the site of a former Norman building (a fragment of a wall remains and also a well) built by the de Laci family. This was probably built as a show of power, a residence for their bailiff or steward, or possibly a retreat from Pontefract castle for hunting in the "Park" situated on the slopes to the west, or their hunting grounds at Marsden. Therefore any new building should be acceptable to the Department of the Environment and also the views of the Yorkshire Archaeology Society must be considered. Their professional opinions of this site must be taken into account. Access to the site is via a very narrow, steep, winding road from Lumb Lane, and not really safe for vehicular access. In my mind not suitable for access for heavy builders lorries or equipment or even safe for any increase in vehicular access. Castle hill is also a landmark which due to its height and situation dominates the area to the south of Huddersfield, so any new building must not mar its prominence or overpower the setting of Victoria Tower.