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**To:** [DCAdmin](#)  
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Sir,

Please accept this email as an objection to the above application which I feel is far too large and completely out of keeping with an historic site. Any tourist information facility should be located off the hill, near a bus stop in a location where it does not impinge on the views of Castle Hill.

The access route to the proposed building is simply not suitable and cannot be made fit for purpose without extensive works which would seriously harm the iron age fortifications. The problem with access has already been acknowledged in previous refused planning applications.

The works, put forward to address safety risks associated with the existing restricted access, would be significant and destroy much of the ancient earthworks surrounding the iron age protected site.

The proposal to create 3 passing areas, is effectively a 'quick fix' which will not solve the underlying issue and introduces further risks. The proposal pushes traffic closer to the edge of the road and a dangerous precipice where barriers cannot be installed.

No regard has been given to icy weather, when the road to the summit can become impassable within hours of snow or icy weather. Rainwater drains across the road in many places and when this freezes the road becomes treacherous to vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians alike.

Digging away 2feet of roadside banking, which is steeply inclined up to a retaining wall running alongside the road, will undermine the foundations of the retaining wall and potentially cause damage to the archaeology of the site.

In short, these proposals will not address the fundamental issues associated with too much traffic traveling up and down a one-way track.

Nothing has been proposed in respect of the dangerous exit of Hill Side onto the road at the bottom. This is narrow has poor visibility in both directions and is unsafe at current traffic levels. If the proposed development was approved, traffic would become a nightmare and the number of accidents (and road rage incidents) would increase dramatically.

Please reject this latest application and make clear future applications will not be considered.

Many thanks,