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Dear Mr Simcock

**T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
& Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

**VICTORIA TOWER, LUMB LANE, CASTLE HILL, ALMONDBURY,
HUDDERSFIELD, WEST YORKSHIRE HD4 6TA
Application No. 2024/92519**

Thank you for your letter of 8 January 2025 regarding further information on the above application for planning permission. On the basis of this information, we offer the following advice to assist your authority in determining the application.

Historic England Advice

Historic England has previously provided advice to your authority on this matter on 9th December 2024. This letter should be read in conjunction with our letter of 9th December.

Our earlier letter repeated the recommendation made in our previous letter to your authority of 10th January 2020 which stated the pressing need for a comprehensive management plan to be developed in order to support the proposal.

We are now in receipt of an email (William Simcock, Kirklees MDC to Keith Emerick, HE, 9th January 2025) providing a draft 'Castle Hill Interim Site Management Plan' (info@castlehillhotel.co.uk to William Simcock, KMDC, 12th December 2024).

Unfortunately the draft document is a series of subject headings with no descriptive or supporting content, and therefore it does not address the concerns expressed in our advice letters of 10th January 2020 and 9th December 2024.

We are therefore content to repeat the advice, recommendations and position of 9th December, 2024 to the effect that we continue to have concerns about the application and cannot support the discharge of conditions.



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Recommendation:

We consider that there are limitations to the information submitted in respect of the Discharge of Conditions. Your authority should reflect on the issues that we had raised in our several responses to the scheme and the conditions imposed as a consequence of those concerns.

We are therefore recommending that the information does not in our view address the points we raised and does not appear to be sufficient to discharge the condition(s).

We would remind your authority that Scheduled Monument Consent will be required in advance of the commencement of any works on site.

We consider that the issues and safeguards outlined in our advice need to be addressed in order for the application to meet the requirements of paragraphs 129, 135 and 200 of the NPPF (NPPF December 2024).

Your authority should take these representations into account and seek amendments, safeguards or further information as set out in our advice. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice, please contact us.

Yours sincerely

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