About the application

Application number: 2024/93494	
What is the application for?:	Erection of restaurant/café/bar, six guest rooms, exhibition/interpretation room
Address of the site or building:	Victoria Tower, Castle Hill, Lumb Lane, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD4 6TA
Postcode:	

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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Objection to the development at Victoria Tower, Castle Hill planning reference for this is 2024/93494
I have lived on Lumb Lane for over twenty years. In all that time Castle hill has been a valuable local community asset supporting physical and mental well-being as well as serving the wider community of hikers, dog walkers and providing welcome green space for Huddersfield residents and children.
It has served well in this capacity despite the failed attempt at development by the same group now attempting to build on the site yet again after failing to comply with previous planning restrictions.
I object in the strongest terms to the latest application as it will have a significant ecological impact on the hill, diminish the ancient monument and the area around (in terms of traffic volumes and roadside parking). For example, the new plan unfortunately includes an enlarged site taking in land closer to the tower (owned by Kirklees not the applicant), a larger building encroaching further into the Hillfort embankments around the inner and outer Bailey and paving over existing green space by suggesting carparking be enlarged by 50% and a new footbridge built.
This begs interesting questions as none of this development is in the interest of current user of this ancient site nor does it respect the historical importance of the listed monument and surrounding. In an era of council supported green space and tree planting is this application perhaps driven more by greed than service to the community?
Finally, it should be noted that although I live in the immediate vicinity of the Tower and am a daily walker in the Tower site , I have only seen one notice of the development (now removed).