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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Castle hill is the most important site/feature in Huddersfield both historically and also to the local community and it is iconic. It is currently a wild place and most of the time uncrowded frequented by local walkers and dog walkers, birdwatchers, naturalists, photographers and people with families, playing games and flying kites. Life is hectic, the country is becoming more crowded with houses, industrial areas, people and traffic. Castle hill is a sanctuary for getting away from it all. We do not need another restaurant or cafe or more tarmac. There are a multitude of vacant buildings locally that could become a Hotel, restaurant, cafe, use them.

There have been many instances of unsociable behaviour at Castle Hill in the past, now that there is a lockable gate at the bottom of the road meaning vehicles cannot access after dark it is a far safer, tidier and pleasant place. Will the lockable gate be in operation once the hotel is up and running? If not then for sure problems will again arise.

I live locally and regularly walk up to and around castle hill and although now retired I have done so all my life. When the pub was last in operation the surrounding green areas were a disgrace, covered in litter from the bins at the hotel and all the comings and goings. No efforts were made by the owners back then to maintain the integrity of the area, why should we think it will be any different this time around. Will the operators of the hotel be responsible for the upkeep of the area?

What if the hotel is not a success? Will it become derelict, vandalised. The owners couldn’t make it work last time and there are no guarantees that the owners will be able to make it work this time. These types of business go bust and disappear all the time. What will we do with the building then? Board up all the huge glass windows? Put steel mesh fencing around it?

Castle Hill is a beautiful place as it is. It should not be developed and I object most strongly to the plans currently proposed.

I note the plans estimate 12 full time and 36 part time employees this being the equivalent of 30 full time employees.really. That is a lot of people and must mean a lot of trade, a lot of comings and goings a lot of traffic and maintenance. This alone should be a red flag, Castle Hill is totally unsuited to such an operation.