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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Here we go again, and one suspects the applicants are trying to wear down Kirklees and objectors; the concern is that in the current financial situation for Kirklees and with limited resources, they might simply acquiesce in order to close this case.

Let's be clear, this application is not merely a time extension to the application – as has been suggested - but a significantly changed application. These changes do not mitigate previous objections but in fact aggravate them with: an increased footprint, 50% increased car parking, security fencing and lighting, excavation of historic embankments.

Every night Castle Hill appears as one of the iconic images in the opening of BBC Look North, alongside York Minster, Fountains Abbey etc. What would be the public reaction if a new development was built in front of these – general uproar.

It is abundantly clear that this commercial development is completely inappropriate on a green belt site with national historic significance; let alone the importance of ever dwindling open spaces for the wellbeing of communities and wildlife.

"They paved paradise and put up a parking lot… With a pink hotel, a boutique, and a swinging hot spot" Joni Mitchell 1970

Will we never learn.