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:	

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With regard to yet another application and the record of noncompliance by these developers it is obvious that these people are not serious in providing a facility that delivers cultural enrichment for the area but want to build a supermarket type building for commercial gain. Having walked around castle hill every day for many years[weather permitting] I have spoken to many people from all over the world and all have commented on the fact that such an area of fantastic peace and tranquility with wonderful views exist and all free to the public. How long will the council allow the developers to use spurious clauses and dubious amendments to confuse what should have been a straightforward 'no' to this application.
Surely any business plans should have been vetted by the authority for future credibility. The harsh weather conditions that prevail on the top of the hill during winter would pose risks to staff and customers during ingress and egress - who will bear responsibility for health and safety issues?
The police insist on high security gates and lighting on poles amongst many other requirements - this would totally change the night time aspect of what is a local landmark for miles around and a symbol of Huddersfield. This is shown in the use of the Victoria Tower by tv as a local icon. Outside seating areas would mean huge noise pollution as sound carries around the hill area, and smells from restaurant cooking would also change the aspect from one of peace and green space to something that would be more suited to the night life of a city centre. Kirklees says it wants to plant trees for ecological reasons in the surrounding fields - how can this be compatible with allowing the development of a commercial enterprise being built purely for the profit of the owners?
No other council in the country would even consider allowing the destruction of an iron age fort for someone's personal financial gain. These people have shown so often they cannot be trusted to abide by regulations.
Why do Kirklees persist in allowing themselves to be made fools of by these 'developers'? This charade has been ongoing for years and permission needs to be refused once and for all.