About the application

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

User comments

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Planning for this site has been ongoing for 20 years and demolition of the historic public house was done illegally - it was a wanton act of criminal damage. In spite of this the Thandi family still own the lease and has continued to submit wholly inappropriate planning applications. This original building was in perfect harmony with this very important heritage site and if any building is acceptable it should be rebuilt stone for stone as has happened in other areas where old buildings have been demolished illegally. Subsequent planning applications, including this current one, do not fit with the historic landscape of the site and Historic England has been very clear that Kirklees MC should reject this type of building. Questions which should be addressed:

- Why is such a building necessary other than for financial gain?
- Consider why there is a necessity for six guest bedrooms - is this going to become a private party venue? Not acceptable for such an important site.
- Extension of car park etc. will inflict further environmental damage.
- Also consider the lasting damage that will be inflicted on this historic site by such building - totally unacceptable.
- The access to the site is totally inappropriate for increased traffic.
- The site is a valued historic area and should not be used for entertainment. It is a place that people go to enjoy the magnificent views - there is no need for restaurant, bar, terrace etc.
- The current display boards are more than adequate if people want to know more about Castle Hill and its history.
- This site is a very important important landmark in the history of the area and should not be over run by potentially 1000s of tourists which would, in time inflict serious damage

The site is not only important historically but is also an area of great beauty which is well known both locally and nationally.

I am 100% against this application for the reasons outlined above and urge Kirklees Planning Committee to reject it.