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:	

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Previous objections submitted only five months ago still stand. It is incomprehensible that tax payers once again are having to spend time reiterating objections to spurious applications. This proposed development, with or without amendments to what should have been an expired application is once again an attempt to destroy a protected site for private commercial gain.
Castle Hill is an Iron Age fort, which has been compared to Glastonbury in terms of historical importance.
Changes submitted by the developer do nothing to mitigate - in fact, increase the enormous damage this commercial building would do to a well known and well loved and used local landmark.
High security fencing, powerful lighting, all deemed necessary by the police, together with constant cooking smells (just walk past a McDonalds) air conditioning units, HGV delivery trucks at all hours using totally unsuitable roads would completely destroy a beautiful and rural area. People leaving late at night would cause noise and probably anti social behaviour at all hours - this has been addressed by the use of the barrier which has been very successful. This type of commercial business may be appropriate in a
city centre but not on Castle Hill. This area should never be ruined to facilitate greed.
How do Kirklees council equate considering this with its stated aims of tree planting and maintaining green spaces?
The recent huge fires show how incredibly dangerous it would have been had this been in place with vehicles/people trying to leave on a tiny single access road and fire appliances trying to attend. How many casualties would have occurred should the council have allowed it to be built?
Agreeing with English Heritage, this must be rejected and as a tax payer public money should not be wasted on allowing further applications to destroy a historical site.
I believe it may now be time for an investigative journalist from a national newspaper to be asked to look into this saga and ask why Kirklees Council have allowed this to drag on for so many years knowing the recommendations of English Heritage and the uncertainty it causes local residents.