About the application

Application number: 2024/62/93494/W	
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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So the Castle Hill saga continues with yet another application following the expiry of the previous one. Just how long will the Council permit this to continue?
The changes made in the most recent incarnation do nothing to address the many issues raised, and in fact potentially will increase the harm this commercial development will cause.
Grave concerns exist regarding the applicant's respect for the site and its unique heritage, given their previous disregard of planning law. The applicant also has the audacity to suggest that are there is growing support from the general public for this development. There is certainly growing confusion, and thus disempowerment and disengagement, as this rumbles on for years and years. This does not imply approval.
An exceptional case has not been made, and the applicant has failed to provide evidence that the harm caused by this development is outweighed by the public benefit.
This is not a case of nimbyism as public concern has been reinforced by the statement from Historic England recommending that this application should not be approved.
Finally I lament the public money that has been spent, and continues to be spent by the Council. This is unforgivable, especially at a time when the Council is on the verge of bankruptcy and is currently in the process of liquidating its assets.
The Council should be the custodian of this precious site, not colluding in its destruction, and therefore should refuse this application and bring the whole sorry saga to a close.