DC Admin

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Sent: 30 July 2025 21:48
To: DC Admin
Subject: Re: Objection to Proposed Development 2024/93494

To whom it may concern

I should be grateful if you would take the points into consideration when determining the application. I would like the objections to go on the public website but with my name and address redacted.

Thank you
Yours sincerely.

Objection to Proposed Development

Biodiversity
The proposal does not consider biodiversity or the loss of habitat for local wildlife. This contradicts current efforts to create wildlife corridors around Castle Hill.

Poor Access
Increased visitors will add traffic to a narrow and unsafe access road. It is not suitable for regular service or delivery vehicles.
Cars are often forced off the road. The claim of no recent accidents is misleading, as many incidents go unreported. (Photo attached: 24 May 2025 @ 12:30.)

Wrong Use for a Heritage Site
Historic England and the Victorian Society both advise against the development. A hotel is not an appropriate way to present Castle Hill's heritage.
A mobile app would be a better solution, offering access to information without damaging the site.
There is no real need for a café it would create more litter. toilets and better litter management is required.

Unclear Customer Numbers
The application refers to "100 covers," but this is not supported by the floor plans. It is also unclear whether the "café" and restaurant are the same facility.

Weak Business Case
There is no clear information on expected customer numbers or the cost of development. Without this, the financial case and traffic impact cannot be properly judged.

Loss of Security
The current security gate has reduced antisocial behaviour. If the site is to operate 24/7, will this gate be removed? That would undermine public safety.

Conclusion
This development is too large, unsuitable for a protected heritage site, and offers little public benefit. It should be refused.