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Submission: Objection

Comments: Friends of Buxton station (FOBS) objects to this planning application for the following reasons:

- 1) The proposed development will physically block any future possibility of resurrecting the Buxton to Matlock rail link. This link forms a valuable part of the long term plans to alleviate pressure on the A6 road network and to open up sustainable and environmentally responsible forms of travel around the Peak District.
- 2) The design, location and prominent position of the proposed hotel is unsightly and is not at all in keeping with Buxton's rich architectural heritage.
- 3) The proposed retail park including 300+ parking spaces will attract even more traffic to Station road. This road already suffers regularly with gridlock and adding further inevitable volume will only compound the problem making it impossible for people to access the railway station or to join Station road via Palace road.
- 4) At the time of the public consultation, the developers were unable to say what the parking policy might be. If it is a payable car park (most likely) it will add to further parking congestion on the nearby residential roads, Devonshire road, Palace road, Lacelles road, Lansdowne road and Charles street, all of which are already used by many town visitors, rail commuters and other non residents.