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From: Info at Alpine Lodge [info@alpinelodgebuxton.co.uk]
Sent: 12 March 2015 11:46
To: Planning (HPBC)
Subject: HPK/2014/0560 Proposed construction of a supermarket and a mixed use building including a hotel, restaurant, shops and cafes along with associated car parking, service arrangements and access improvements.

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to add my objection to the above proposed planning application.

1. I own a Guest House in Buxton and the proposal to erect another "chain" cut-price hotel would just about be the end of Buxton's traditional Guest House/B&B accommodation providers. Plans have already been approved and construction about to commence on the former pub site (now demolished) for a Premier Inn with approx 70 beds.
2. We have a fantastic opportunity to re-vamp the Crescent with a deluxe spa hotel - hopefully work is about to commence following financial set-backs.
3. I understood the Council had already voiced their preference for the site to be used for housing in the Local Plan?
4. Buxton does not need or warrant another supermarket - Tesco proposal was successfully defeated.
5. There are a number of retail units vacant/empty or used by Charity shops in The Springs - can you actually justify creating more. We should be encouraging traders to take these up rather than creating yet more white elephants.

Proposal - 1. Why not use the site for leisure and recreation - many people have suggested the site be used for a cinema/bowling alley - people have to travel to Stockport/Marple/Macclesfield (and actually do) to go to the cinema.

2. It would be ideal to use a "brownfield site" to create more affordable homes rather than a "greenfield site" encroaching on the countryside yet again.

Lets create something great to attract local people to stay in Buxton!.

Yours faithfully
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