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Comments: A change of this magnitude warrants longer consideration than is proposed. It is being "rushed through". There are massive implications and the people of Buxton need to feel involved and comfortable with such a proposal. Objections are multiple:

1. Buxton is a tourist town. It is undergoing large scale development. Too much too quickly will not enable change to be integrated effectively and constructively. It will jeopardise the economic, cultural and social basis of Buxton.
2. Economic migrants, having entered illegally, may not be as likely to integrate, stay put or appreciate the nature of Buxton, wishing to be in larger cities which have mosques and established eg migrant communities. On what basis will the incoming Halls be securely managed? I understand that a very small proportion of illegal migrants actually retain id/passports. What checks have been carried out to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone?
3. Transitory nature: if the proposed new residents are awaiting "dispersal" then, presumably, there will be constant flux, turnover and upheaval with no settled community establishing itself.
4. The vast majority will be male rather than women /children. It will not be a balanced community. This will skew the population of Buxton disproportionately, making management more difficult.
5. What supporting activities / language courses are proposed by the University of Derby to occupy people who will not be working?
6. What additional policing resources will be provided? - obviously funded by tax payer - given the recent battle to get more policing, has additional policing costs be quantified?. I have no doubt that a proportion of the group will "abscond" to merge into inner city life. How will this be managed?
7. Health services: what immediate additional resources will be made available? Translators will be needed of multiple languages. EG We all know how impossible it is locally to find NHS dentists and how stretched GP services are. Are more going to suddenly spring up to meet a unique and more complex need?
8. There is a genuine housing need amongst local single / childless couples. Why don't HPBC, Uni of Derby and Barratt Homes (currently looking to develop Hogshaw) get together and convert these units into flats for this local group in need, AND actually make a positive difference to the local community.

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