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Submission: Objection

Comments: I object to this application for the following reasons:

- 1) I believe University of Derby is acting in its own commercial interest, and contrary to the interest of the town
- 2) There is no Social or Economic benefit for Buxton, the town or its citizens
- 3) Does not fit with HPBC stated ambition (and £10,000,000 investment) of rejuvenating the high street & An Asylum Dispersal Centre does not appear to be one of the enhancements the community was much anticipating

1)

University of Derby & WE are in a fortunate position where WE can provide some limited help to individuals who have fled their country. WE will work with the local community to ensure they are fully informed and that they benefit from this important space being revived and put into positive use

There is no &WE&. The people of Buxton are not in a partnership with the University of Derby. Our local services are not a resource that are supported by University of Derby, therefore why should they feel they can impose additional pressure by filling a building with hundreds of people who will need immediate access to services already under immense pressure.

The building is only important to the University of Derby as it has been empty (and not generating income) since 2019. It is not an &important space&.

UoD retain the Dome and the Halls. They have put three other properties on the market for sale. Northwood House, Oaklands Manor and Harpur Hill Sports Centre. UoD are abandoning Buxton and retaining only the properties where there is commercial opportunity for them.

Can we ask UoD which of their buildings in Derby they are making available for the same use?

2)

I would be interested to hear from UoD on the Social and Economic benefits they believe the local community will enjoy once the Asylum Dispersal Centre is operational. Specifically how it will positively impact the mothers and babies, young people and elderly residents, and of course the businesses in the immediate area.

3)

Announced January 31st 2023 on High Peak Borough Council Website

High Peak Borough Council has bought The Springs shopping centre in Buxton - the catalyst that will kick-start the redevelopment of the town centre and a key milestone in the Future High Streets project.

The purchase means the Council has control of the building and the associated land and can get on with delivering the much-anticipated enhancements to the area in partnership with the local community and businesses.

to deliver improvements to the main commercial part of the town to complement and enhance the heritage and cultural offer which draws people to Buxton.

Council Leader, Councillor Anthony Mckeown, said: "Town centres across the country face huge challenges and Buxton is no exception. To reverse that trend we're all agreed that Buxton town centre needs investment and improvement to create modern, fit for the future places for living, working and enjoying leisure time.

"That's what townspeople and businesses have told us they want and it's why we made our successful bid to the Future High Streets fund.

"The hard truth is that The Springs as it stands now is not working for our town and the community. Buying the shopping centre puts the Council and the local community in control so we can work together to drive this regeneration forward.

"Now that this acquisition is complete, we'll be coming back to our residents, businesses and partners to further shape our shared vision for a rejuvenated town centre."

"These plans have already been shaped by public consultation to reach this stage and we will be doing plenty more consultation as the details emerge so everyone can feel involved in a once-in-generation opportunity to transform their town."

More details will be made available in the coming weeks and months including information on how you can get involved in agreeing a shared vision for Buxton's future.

I whole heartedly applaud High Peak Borough Council in their collective vision and ambition to rejuvenate the town centre and: ¿deliver improvements to the main commercial part of the town to complement and enhance the heritage and cultural offer which draws people to Buxton¿

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