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Comments: We strongly object to this Application.

The consequences of this approval should not rest solely with a Case Officer. This application requires extensive consultation between HPBC and Buxton residents. It has serious impacts on a number of local concerns e.g. local infrastructures (roads and transport), provision of health & dental services, policing and crime prevention, access to recreation and other facilities for over 270 foreign people, many of which do not speak and understand the English language.

On more practical issues who will be responsible for the day to day management of these individuals? On behalf of the University, the JLL report proposes the minimum level of staffing for the buildings. The report also states that there will be no amenity impact from increased noise and other disturbance. No doubt they have direct evidence between the behaviour and attitudes of students - who are busy being educated and studying for academic success and refugees in a state of despair, dejection and hopelessness.

It appears the University and the Home Office have already agreed a Heads of Agreement regarding the funding of this enterprise, without any local consultation. If the University are serious about using the buildings they should have consulted local people about an alternative use e.g. health care or social housing for the local people.

Buxton is a spa town and the locals thrive on the tourist industry; this development will detract from that image and may influence potential tourists visiting the area.

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