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Submission: Objection

Comments: I believe that this particular location is not suitable for the proposed development due to the following reasons:

Inadequate Infrastructure: The existing infrastructure in the area is insufficient to accommodate the demands that would arise from an asylum hostel. The proposed development would put excessive strain on local services such as schools, healthcare facilities, transportation, and utilities, leading to overcrowding and a decline in the quality of life for both residents and asylum seekers.

Security Concerns: The safety and security of the local community must be a priority. The proposed asylum hostel is likely to attract individuals from diverse backgrounds, some of whom may have experienced traumatic circumstances. It is essential to ensure that proper security measures are in place to protect both the asylum seekers and the surrounding community. Moreover, the potential influx of individuals with uncertain backgrounds may generate anxiety and unease among residents, compromising the peace and harmony of the neighborhood.

Incompatibility with the Local Character: The proposed development is inconsistent with the existing character of the town. The introduction of an asylum hostel would fundamentally alter the nature of the town, potentially leading to a loss of community cohesion and a decrease in property values as well as the very fabric of society this town is built upon.

Traffic and Parking Issues: Asylum hostels often require regular visits from support staff, healthcare professionals, and other service providers. The increased traffic flow and parking demands associated with the proposed development would place a significant burden on the already limited parking infrastructure in the area. This would result in yet more congestion, decreased accessibility, and potential road safety hazards.

Current Use: Buxton already has some of the worst housing stock I have ever seen. More housing is clearly needed for local residents, when the university built the current building they had the intention of providing housing for students to come to the university. That is the intention all the residents of this town were promised, now to have this bait and switch is appalling.

Considering the aforementioned reasons, I respectfully request that you carefully reconsider the suitability of the proposed development. Alternatively, I propose that the planning authority identifies a more appropriate location such as Rwanda that can better accommodate the specific requirements of an asylum hostel while minimizing the impact on the local community.

I urge you to give careful consideration to the objections raised by residents.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Ball

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