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Comments: There are so many reasons to object to this application.

Buxton is a small town and a sudden influx of this amount of young males would disrupt the community in so many ways.

As a woman I find large groups of young men intimidating, I would not feel safe in the way that I have until now.

There is a definite feeling in the town that asylum seekers should not be here, if they are all young males this is likely to cause friction with local groups of young males. The police in Buxton are underfunded as it is and these sorts of situations will only stretch the police further.

Buxton is a tourist town and local businesses rely on tourist income, an asylum centre will do nothing to help attract tourists to the town, which already suffers from closed shops, lack of entertainment other than the summer festivals.

There are not enough medical facilities in town to accommodate this number of extra residents. At present (21 July) doctors appointments are being offered in early to mid September. I have received a message from my doctors surgery advising me of delays due to high demand.

The property would be better used to provide affordable housing for local residents, which is in desperate need.

What will these people do all day in Buxton? There are not facilities, there is little for locals to do and people often head out of town to find entertainment. Assuming the asylum seekers have little funds, will they just be wandering the streets? The library, drop in centers etc don't have the capacity to occupy them.

I do have sympathy for people that feel they need to flee their homes and would like to say that I am generally a compassionate person, but Buxton is just not the place to house them. They need the facilities and anonymity of a city for their own sakes.

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