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Submission: Objection

Comments: I object to the University of Derby Halls of Residence being used for non-student use in this instance as the intention is to house illegal immigrants there whilst awaiting processing. My objection is for the following reasons:

1. Over 200 foreign people, having arrived illegally in this country and wandering into the town, will upset and frighten local people and detract from the amenity of our beautiful town. Not having been processed, these people could well include criminals and/or violent persons; due to the nature of the halls they cannot be compelled to held captive there. In other areas where there is a concentration of illegal immigrants (Margate for example) groups are to be found hanging around on street corners intimidating and scaring the local residents. In addition, many immigrants are known to be from cultures that do not respect women to the degree that we do in the UK, and local women and girls will be particularly vulnerable to their presence in the town. The correct place to locate immigrants prior to and during their processing is in secure environments without the freedom to mix with local communities, and without the ability to escape without processing.

2. If the university halls are to be used to house non-students, then they should be converted to make low-cost accommodation for LOCAL youth and homeless people, who, in my opinion have more of a right to live in Buxton than illegal immigrants.

3. The local infrastructure, in terms of medical facilities, dentists, schools, policing, etc is currently hopelessly inadequate for the local population, without the influx of over 200 immigrants.

I urge High Peak Borough Council planners to reject this application and come up with a proposal to use the High Peak Halls for a purpose that will benefit the town and its residents.

