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Comments: As a local business owner of a luxury hospitality establishment in Buxton, I write to express my profound concerns about the potential conversion of the halls of residence into an asylum refuge. While I understand the importance of offering support to those in need, I fear that such a decision could have a significant impact on both our local services and the thriving tourist trade in Buxton.

As a business owner who has invested over a million pounds in renovating and enhancing the accommodation quality in Buxton, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact of tourism on our community. Visitors flock to our town, not only for its natural beauty but also for the luxury experiences and hospitality services that businesses like mine provide. The influx of tourists plays a crucial role in sustaining our local economy, supporting numerous small businesses, and generating employment opportunities for our community.

If the halls of residence are converted into an asylum refuge, there is a real concern that potential tourists may perceive Buxton differently, leading them to choose alternative destinations. This could severely impact the flow of visitors and result in a decline in business for many local establishments, including mine. Such a situation could undermine the hard work and significant investment we've made in ensuring top-notch accommodation and luxury experiences for our guests.

Additionally, our local services are already facing challenges in meeting the demands of our growing population and tourism industry. Adding a sizable asylum refuge may strain these services further, potentially leading to longer waiting times and reduced resources for both locals and visitors.

I kindly urge you to consider alternative solutions that can address the needs of asylum seekers without compromising the well-being of our community and the businesses that contribute to the vitality of Buxton. Collaborative efforts between stakeholders, residents, and local businesses can lead to finding a more balanced approach that supports both humanitarian efforts and the sustainability of our local economy.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective. I am eager to engage in a constructive dialogue to find the best solution for all parties involved.

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