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Submission: Objection

Comments: I strongly object to the application to turn the High Peak Halls into a residential building for asylum seekers. The application doesn't even mention asylum seekers/refugees. There is sympathy for genuine asylum seekers, but we should be more concerned about housing local people first. Derby University are only interested in financial gain and should not be allowed to influence what is allowed in our town. An affordable care home, affordable residential housing and housing for the homeless would be better ideas.

Why are they all single men? Where are their families? Have they left them in the war torn countries they have fled? Will there be suitable checks done to ensure the safety of Buxton residents?

This application will not add value to the town and there are already increased crime rates due to low police presence, hence the objection of Derbyshire Police. The town centre is also an unsuitable location.

Buxton is a historical Spa town which attracts thousands of tourist a year. Many of the small businesses in town rely on tourism for the bulk of their income. The introduction of hundreds of foreign single men will discourage tourists from coming to Buxton and deter further investment.

Where are the jobs for these people? The infrastructure of the town is already under pressure with the 1000 houses built in Harpur Hill, 73 in Fairfield with another 139 awaiting planning and further proposed housing off Waterswallows Road and Hogshaw Villas Road.

It is nigh impossible to make a doctor or dentist appointment, pharmacies are under great strain and we have an overwhelmed health service. The proposed new health hub in Buxton has failed to secure funding and the doctors surgeries are struggling to maintain services.

Even the thought of this happening is having a negative impact on peoples well being. Community and mental health care services are already under pressure.

This application needs to be given careful consideration in the best interests of current residents.

Kind regards,

Wendy Sircar

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