

Consultation Response:
High Peak Borough Council Regeneration Team
HPK/2025/0047 Combs Sailing Club

Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use 14 no. holiday units. (Commencement of development is evidenced by the construction of the access road on site to base course level.)

The proposed development will impact on the local economy in terms of jobs and purchasing of supplies and services.

To assess the economic impact of this development, we would usually utilise the data supplied by the applicant and use the Council's approved multipliers to prepare any comments. Unfortunately, on this occasion the current application for a certificate of lawfulness does not provide these details.

A previously (refused) application (referred to 1 full time and 2 part-time jobs however it is not known if this is still the case.

Tourism is a significant economic sector within the High Peak, employing over 3,700 people and equating to around 13% of all jobs in the area.

Visitors spend is estimated at £300M per annum, with around half of this spent on shopping, and food and drink - supporting facilities and services also used by residents.

The High Peak Tourism strategy 2023 identified four key priorities for growth:-

Towns & Villages - creating destination hubs and reasons to linger.

Cycling & Walking - developing routes, trails, packages and events.

Creators & Makers - supporting events, workshops, courses and opportunities to buy.

Accommodation - extending the range and type.

However, Chapel-en-le-Firth was not specifically identified as one of the six towns that in particular stand out as having the potential to become stronger tourism hubs. These were Buxton, Castleton, Glossop, Hayfield, New Mills and Whaley Bridge.

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