



## Press Release

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Buxton Civic Association (BCA) Members meeting to discuss the proposed development of the old Buxton Mineral Water bottling water site on Station Road, Buxton, planning application ref HPK/2014/0560.

Poole's Cavern visitors centre was packed on Monday evening February 9<sup>th</sup> when members of BCA voted unanimously to reject the proposals for the redevelopment of the vacant site on Station road.

The meeting rejected the need for another supermarket, hotel or indeed any additional retail space and were very concerned that the proposed scheme would lead to an increase in traffic congestion on the bypass and had made no attempt to improve connections from the site with the town centre.

It was also concluded that scheme lacked imagination and simply relied on the usual formula of retail and hotel space, ignoring the need for residential and leisure schemes, that a majority of residents had indicated in earlier surveys that they wanted to see.

The meeting had been organised to give members the opportunity to discuss the proposed scheme. Tim Middleton, BCA director and chair of the planning team gave a short presentation of the scheme before opening the meeting out to members, but urged them to write individually with any concerns they may have on the proposed scheme.

Although the meeting had not been held to discuss alternative uses, members were keen to put alternative proposals forward. It was felt though that at this stage the important thing was to raise the objections that members had articulated, to High Peak Borough Council, (HPBC)

There is a link to the planning application on the BCA website at [www.buxtoncivicassociation.org.uk/planning](http://www.buxtoncivicassociation.org.uk/planning) if readers would like to view the proposals and make up their own mind about the proposals and make their feelings known to HPBC

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### Notes for editors;

Buxton Civic Association is a charity that aims to make Buxton an even better place for locals and visitors to live in and visit. We aim to promote civic pride and to help make people to proud of the place that they live in. As well as owning and





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running Poole's Cavern we own and manage 160 acres of woodlands that surround Buxton.

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