

	Online Comments
Application No:	18/04678/FUL
Comments:	<p>I wish to strongly oppose the development of my local pub and the consequent attack on my way of life. The 3 Horseshoes has seen no investment from Wadworth over many years and the facilities such as the toilets are in a very poor state of repair. Wadworth sold off a piece of the beer garden some years ago and should have invested some of it back into the pub but chose to invest elsewhere. Wadworth has a plan to concentrate on town pubs with greater footfall so is consolidating its holdings and didn't see the Horseshoes as part of that portfolio. The Horseshoes business contracted over the past few years for a number of significant reasons. With moderate investment and a different landlord it could be a thriving pub once again, particularly with the property as a freehold the landlord would be able to see a greater reward for their effort. The village now has one pub the White Hart, also for sale, which does not open all nights of the week or lunchtimes; it does not serve food. The WH is an example of a landlord of a freehold pub being able to develop his business and survive despite its limited opening hours and lack of food sales. For a village of Burbage's size it should have somewhere that you can eat as transport links are limited particularly in the evening; it has enough residents to support 2 pubs. It did after all have 4 pubs when I moved in and a smaller population. The Horseshoes has been a traditional pub for over 100 years and is part of our English way of life and we need to protect this for future generations. I contacted the CEO of Wadworth and he promised the pub was being sold as a business. I will forward the letters. I asked the CEO to make any new owner aware that we the village wished to keep our pub so that they did not enter into a development opportunity blindly. It is obvious through both Wadworth and the new owner's lack of contact with the Parish Council that protecting the pub was not a major consideration. This pub was not marketed widely and there was no sale sign outside so prospective purchasers were not given much of an opportunity to come forth; this would seem to suggest that a better price could be achieved as a development opportunity than if it was sold as a pub. It would seem important that the Horseshoes is given a proper and fair chance to survive by its sale to someone who wishes to take it forward as a business rather than a property developer who sees the large car park as a money making opportunity.</p>
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