

	Online Comments
Application No	18/04678/FUL
Comments	<p>I have read the objections as presented by others, they have emphasised the numerous discrepancies and untruths in the applicants presentation. Their comments are all valid and I fully support them.</p> <p>The applicant has concentrated solely on the financial viability of the business in the current state. I have lived in Burbage for 44 years and in this time 40 of those years the Three Horseshoes has been a thriving business, the problem would seem to be twofold, firstly a tenant with little experience of running a pub/restaurant facility and no ambition to make it work. Secondly, by their own admission, Wadworth have not invested in the business premises.</p> <p>Should this application for change of use be granted then this village, population around 2000, will be left with one pub which does not open at lunch times and does not serve food.</p> <p>Burbage has grown considerably over several years, most development have been aimed at the upper end of the housing market, consequently many residents have above average incomes, we also have a large number of retirees from the professions. Not to put to fine a point on it there is in this village a large number of people with above average disposable incomes.</p> <p>Historically the Three Horseshoes has been a venue for a variety of functions, family celebrations, wakes, group get togethers, music nights, quiz nights.</p> <p>As a location the pub is well placed to attract tourists (Crofton beam engines, Wilton windmill, Savernake forest, Wolf Hall etc), canal holiday traffic and those travelling to/from the south coast. Ambitious tenants with drive and flair coupled with some updating of the building could restore the business to it's former glory and move it forward for the future.</p>
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