

**Stibb Cottage  
Burbage  
Marlborough  
Wilts  
SN8 3AE**

Development Management  
Wiltshire Council  
Monkton Park  
Chippenham  
SN15 1ER

26 June 2018

Dear Sir or Madam

**OBJECTION TO PLANNING APPLICATION 18/04678/FUL – Three Horseshoes Inn, SN8 3AE.**

I wish to object to the above planning application for change of use of this community amenity.

**Objection to claim of declining sales and subsequent financial unviability:**

I have lived on Stibb Green for 41 years and was an occasional but quite frequent customer of the Three Horseshoes until soon after the arrival of the last tenants. The tenants' and the applicant's claim that the pub is no longer financially viable is disputed since the previous tenants of over 20 years standing had attracted trade and made a satisfactory living from the property. During the last tenants' occupancy, however, many local customers removed their custom, thus reducing income to an unviable level.

**Objection to change of use:**

The Three Horseshoes, until its closure, was one of two remaining pubs left in this expanding village and the only one offering food. The village adjoins a busy trunk road with extensive holiday traffic and should be able to offer proper facilities for passing trade as well as for local people.

The pub has stood in this historic and picturesque place for many generations and is capable of capitalising on its position to revive its fortunes under the right management. It is and should continue to be a much-needed community amenity.

**For the reasons given above, I request that the Planning Application be rejected.**

**Yours Faithfully**

**James Oliver**