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	<p>Ten years ago there were 2 pubs selling food in Burbage and Stibb Green. With the closure of the Three Horseshoes we now just have one pub and it does not serve food. The nearest restaurants are in Gt Bedwyn (pub) and Marlborough. Neither is in walking distance so can only be reached safely by car.</p> <p>With 1700 residents, a growing community and good transport links there is clearly a need for a pub that sells good food and can be a focus for rural community life.</p> <p>About 5 years ago the Horseshoes submitted a planning application to build a new dining area. At that time there was clearly potential for growing the business. The application was approved but no work has been undertaken. In the interim the pub has continually failed to meet customer expectations. The management has shown little enthusiasm or enterprise and there's no surprise that it has closed. With the right management it would certainly succeed as witnessed by the many comments submitted to Wiltshire Council objecting to the proposed change of use.</p> <p>The importance of 'community' and local business are key tenets of the Burbage Neighbourhood Plan which is being put to a referendum in July. The proposed change of use is not in the best interests of this community.</p> <p>I therefore strongly object to the proposed change of use.</p>
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Date:	27.06.2018
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