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	<p>I wish to object to this application. FYI I live opposite The Three Horseshoes. The reasons for my objections are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The applicant has been misleading in their rationale, for example, the pub stopped trading at the end of January 2018, not September last year, as claimed! Lying in an official document to persuade the council is frankly beyond the pale. What else will change with the application over time from those with a loose relationship with the truth? 2. The brewery assured us that the conditions of sale would guarantee The Three Horseshoes would remain a pub. Clearly this is now not true and the village has been misled. 3. The brewery did not seek feedback from existing customers (like me) as to why sales were declining and how they could be improved; a number of villagers could have made suggestions to be trialled which would have guaranteed better attendance and support, for example, more children's options at lower prices. The pub was not given the opportunity to flourish and improve with this lack of due diligence and investigation into why sales were declining. It appears it was a convenient opportunity for the brewery to offload the property to developers. 4. Burbage is an incredibly long village. The other pub is a long walk with no footpath from the Stibb Green end. If we walk there we have to wear hi vis jackets and head torches. We need a pub at this end for this part of the village. Stibb Green has been historically an independent part of Burbage, and The Three Horseshoes is part of that. Also, the other pub in the village has no garden, whereas The Three Horseshoes does. We have enjoyed booking out the restaurant with four generations of our family who can easily access the garden in wheelchairs and being enclosed at the rear, it's a real family friendly option, whereas the other pub is not (with no garden and no footpath to get there). 5. Given the right opportunity, and hospitality, the village would get behind the pub again and support it. People are incredibly sad to see it unused. The other pub in the village also is up for sale. There will be no sociable opportunities in the village if both are sold for housing, nowhere for the elderly and those that can't drive, or for the young people, who we would all rather drank in a pub in the village with a sense of community rather than paying out to go to Marlborough where there are other challenges, such as drug use. We should be protecting village country life and a sense of community where we can, which has proven benefits for the lonely - whether young or old.
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