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**Subject:** Ref 18/01501/F

Dear Mr Neville,

The Sibford Ferris Parish Council wishes to object to the above application.

Nothing has changed in the circumstances of the property or of its owners since they last made a bid to change its use from a pub to a house a year ago.   The application was refused.  The owners appealed to the planning inspectorate, their fourth appeal.  They lost this appeal.

This time they are appealing on the grounds that there has been a failure to respond to the planning inspectors conclusions of the 4th of July 2018.

There are sound reasons why the community has not responded.

Cherwell District Council received notification on the 5th of July from the owners of the former Bishops Blaize of their "intention to dispose of the property being an asset of community value".  No serious attempt has been made to sell the property and it has not been advertised.

The inspector previously stated that when the Bishops Blaize acquires the right owner the onus will be on the wider community in the area to respond and confirm the inspectors own conclusion that nothing has been demonstrated in this reapplication that as a Public House the premises cannot be made financially viable in the long term.  This is the view that is held widely in the community, we believe.

So we support the previous refusal of the council to grant planning permission for this repeated attempt to change the pub into a private house.

Please note that the Sibford Ferris Parish Council in response to a previous failed application submitted the following “with regard to the application for a change of use A4 to C3, the Parish Council has not changed its general view that this Public House, when functioning as such, was a successful and an important community asset and its current category of A4 should be retained”.    
“However with regard to specific claims in this application, that the business is neither viable nor economic to see, in the absence of publically available accounts and other relevant financial information, the Parish Council does not believe it is possible to form an opinion and believes that the application should be withdrawn”.

Please can you put this on the CDC website.

Yours sincerely,

John Wass for Sibford Ferris Parish Council

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