

The Old Post Office  
Sibford Gower  
Banbury  
Oxon

19<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Re: No. 17/01981/F PP-06414188  
Change of use from A4 to C3 (ACV Listed) Mr. G R Noquet  
The Pheasant Pluckers Inn, Burdrop OX15 5RQ

Dear Mr. B. Neville,

**Please reject this application**

Unfortunately I find myself writing once more with regard to yet another planning application for the above property, formally the Bishop Blaze. Once this historic and well supported free house was part of this community, sadly it is owned by people who have had no intention of continuing this business as is evident from the planning history since the Noquets took over ownership.

In evidence put forward to both the planning enquiries relating to this pub were feasibility studies that show this pub could once again be a successful and well supported free house. In the past years since 2006 the villages of Sibford Gower, Sibford Ferris and the hamlet of Burdrop have kept their population and even grown a little you will be aware there are plans to grow further thus increasing the need for facilities in the area.

I note in the evidence attached in this application case studies have been put forward from places as close as South East London, Cheshire, the West Midlands and Derbyshire may I put forward a case in the next village a very basic pub in Epwell was sold and redeveloped by a dedicated team it has then run for the past few years under that team, it is well supported in the village and has drawn in customers from around I have never seen it so busy. With the right people, imagination, dedication and hard work pubs can be successful even in this day and age.

It would be hard to support the Noquets as landlords or owners of the Bishops blaze at this stage due to the attitude they have shown to the village in the planning history and in articles in the Banbury Guardian. However just because they will struggle does not give them the right to deprive these villages of this pub.

I ask you to reject this planning application and all others.

Yours sincerely

Luke Mulley