

**For the immediate attention of Bob Neville**

**17/00020/F | Erection of a Storage Shed | The Pheasant Pluckers Inn Burdrop  
Banbury OX15 5RQ**

**From Hugh Pidgeon, 'Burdrop Green', Sibford Gower, Banbury, Oxon OX15 5RQ**

I write to you as one who lives directly opposite the site of the pub the owners are now calling the Pheasant Pluckers Inn, although the property is no longer operating as a public house as required by the Court Decision of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014. I can attest to the fact that it has now almost entirely ceased trading, offering irregular and only occasional 'bar' service in the middle of the day, and for never more than 4 hours a week.

It is perhaps not surprising therefore that the only indication that this application is for a pub at all is in its title. Thereafter, there are several references to "the buildings" and to the "site" but there is no mention at all of it being a public house. It might as well be an application from a private house, which in effect it has now become.

No application is ever independent of those that precede it, and the CDC planning portal is meticulous in the way it always includes a planning history. This application can only properly be understood in the context in this case of the ten year planning history that has preceded it. Were it not for that, this application for what appears to be a large garden shed would pass without comment. It certainly wouldn't prompt any objection from me, although I would be raising question why it has to encroach further on an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty that is subject to a preservation order when it could be situated for example on the eastern border of the garden, and screened off.

But after 19 applications punctuated by a further 9 planning appeals, the involvement of the National Inspectorate in 2 week-long court hearings and 6 enforcements, two of which are still current, I no longer trust any application from the present owners to be what it appears to be. I urge you as case-officer to investigate thoroughly the peculiar, inexplicable and confusing contradictions contained in this application and presented I think clearly in the submission made today on behalf of the many supporters of the Bishop Blaize Support Group, of which I am one.

The brief history offered in that submission is enough to make clear that this is no ordinary application for a garden shed – not least because this would be the third shed the applicant has attempted to build, the first of which the Cherwell District Council required him to demolish, and the second of which was removed from its original position concealed within the first shed and placed – as the applicant's own block plan makes very clear - on the very site in the application for which this third larger shed is now proposed.

It appears to be a complete nonsense, but I am choosing not to speculate on why it is that the applicant appears to make efforts to keep at least one application current. At the very least, if not for the reputation of the Planning Department which this long history of

applications is putting under siege, I urge you again to investigate this one thoroughly and to refuse it on the same grounds that the previous two were refused.

Hugh Pidgeon