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**Your Ref:** OWPC3414  
**Our Ref:** AW/215/14/A 28-07-2014  
**Please ask for:**  
Mr S Davis

12th August 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

**Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisement) (England) Regulations 2007 (as amended)**

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3No. internally illuminated fascia signs to front and west side elevations, 1No. externally illuminated fascia sign to east side elevation and 2No. externally illuminated projecting signs to front and east side elevations.

Ship Inn Aldwick Street Bognor Regis

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Thank you for your internet representation made on 12th August 2014 which has been recorded as '**an objection**' with the comments as follows:

*The installation of 3 internally lit signs in a building of long standing historical interest is unacceptable to the character of the building, having served the locality for several hundred years as a pub, such signage is out of keeping, creating unnecessary light pollution. This is an old building and its character needs to be preserved.*

*The proposal to have illuminated external fascia signs is unacceptable in the heart of the village. The shop will be sufficiently lit without the need for external lighting to all three sides. It will produce unnecessary light pollution to neighbouring properties, bring disturbed sleep and inconvenience to local residents. The street has more than enough lights by way of road street lamps and does not need any extra lit signs. There are no other illuminated signs in the heart of the village and any such installation will destroy the character of the very old buildings surrounding The Ship, and The Ship itself.*

*Any signage should be kept to the face of the building and not to sides of the building as proposed and not allowed to project from the building itself.*

*One sign only should be permitted and that should not be illuminated so that it retains the same character as other signs in the area.*

*There should also be a size limit to the signs, certainly no larger than those currently on the building.*

*The impact of such commercialisation of our village will be to reduce the value and saleability of our houses, given the increase in traffic, both from customers and deliveries.*

*We are concerned that over advertising by way of unnecessary signage will only add to the devaluation of the village and serve to increase traffic when we are trying to reduce the speed and volume of traffic through Aldwick Street/ Fish Lane/ Dark Lane.*

*Please exercise restraint over the development and ensure that any changes do not destroy our locality, from environmental, social and historical perspectives, thank you. 12 August 2014*

Your views will be considered before the application is determined and I shall write to inform you of any decision made.

Please be aware that if the application is to be determined by the Council's Development Control committee and your letter has been received at a late stage after the Agenda has been published you will not receive a separate letter notifying you of the date of the meeting and procedures for public speaking. In such circumstances it is recommended that you track the progress of the application on the Council's website or telephone the Council for further information. Please be advised that any comments you make that are not included within the Committee Agenda will be reported to the Members of the Development Control committee. Please also be aware that only a

small number of all planning applications received go the Development Control Committee. Most are determined under delegated powers by Officers in which case your comments will again be considered before the application is determined.

Please be aware that Planning Services operate an 'open file' policy and will publish details of your comments on the internet on the Arun District Council Planning section. Please ensure that you only provide information that you are happy will be made available in this way. If you supply information belonging to a third party, please ensure you have their permission to do so. If you do not wish your comments to appear on the 'open file' please confirm this in writing and I will arrange for it to be destroyed although this means that its contents will then be disregarded.

In the event of a subsequent written representations appeal, against a refusal of planning permission on a householder application, any representations made on the application will be automatically forwarded to the Secretary of State. Unlike all other types of appeal, there will be no further opportunity to comment at the appeal stage.

Yours faithfully

Karl Roberts  
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