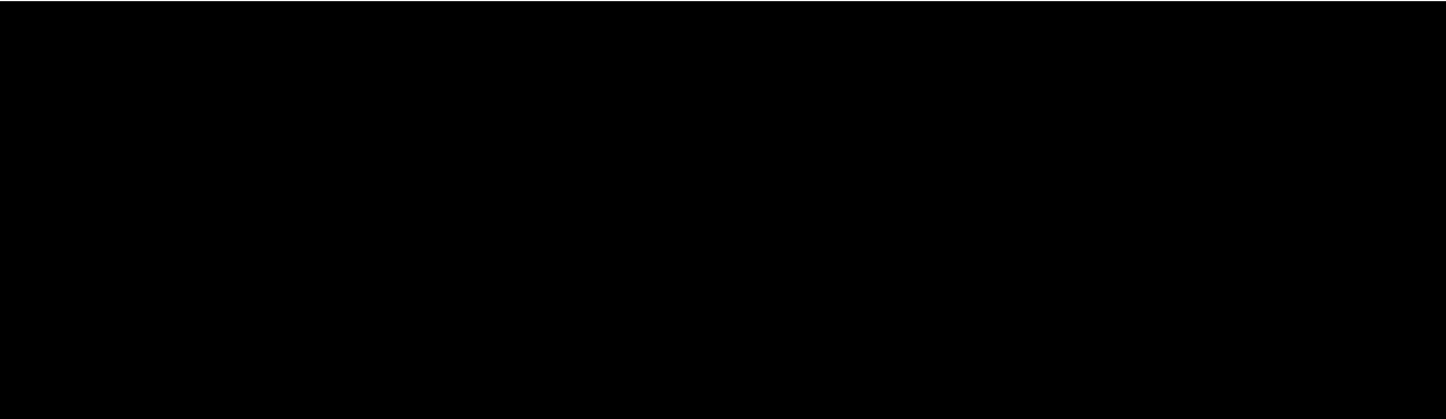




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We feel that Aldwick should retain The Ship Inn as it is the only public house for residents to meet in the area. It is an historical part of Aldwick and was closed solely due to excessive rent and restrictive purchasing by Enterprise Inns PLC, who have no interest in preserving the local pub, the only one within walking distance.

We feel the planning committee should consider the environmental effect of allowing any convenience store into a busy narrow street.

Unlike a Pub alcoholic drinking will not be in a controlled environment, allowing people to drink to excess on the Pound and in the streets any time of day. Policing will need increasing in the area to control outdoor drinking adding extra work to an already overstretched Police force in Bognor.

With no off road facilities to park and unload their articulated delivery lorries they will block traffic flow and endanger the elderly population. We have seen evidence of these dangers in the local mini Tesco's Aldwick road (illegal double parking to make deliveries). With no option to facilitate this they instead propose to shrink the car park by 39 square meters, not improve it. Smaller beer lorries used the car park for their deliveries.

There will be more noise and environmental damage to the local residents with cars stopping and starting throughout the day 6am till 12pm.

The constant hum from refrigeration units will also be an unacceptable inconvenience to the immediate residents.

The 200 year old building should be listed as an important part of Aldwick's history, any signage or outward alterations will ruin the buildings appearance, neon lighting would be intrusive to local residents.

There is of course the effect of destroying the current businesses opposite and reducing trade to 4 other local convenience stores in the area.

We urge you to decline the two planning applications submitted by Morrison's and put a listed status on the premises.

Yours sincerely,

