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To: Planning

Subject: Morrisons Planning applications AW/211/14/PL & AW/215/14/A

Dear Development Control Committee

I wish to object to the planning applications AW/211/14/PL submitted on behalf of Morrisons for the Ship Inn at Aldwick.

If approved the application will result in the local community losing a valued amenity and it will change the character of the local area which has been designated by the council as of "special character ". Furthermore, there is already a small store opposite the Ship Inn which serves the local community many of whom shop on foot and do not need to use a car.

There is already a congestion problem at times with this location which is likely to worsen due to the increased number of vehicles arising from both deliveries and customers during opening hours as this type of convenience store is more noticeable to passing trade . This contrasts with the smaller number of vehicles that used the Ship Inn, usually in the evening, whereby patrons would park and stay for an extended duration and which is not the case with those who may choose to shop at this location and who will likely arrive and depart throughout opening hours. This will inevitably increase the risk of a traffic and safety hazard arising from this increased vehicle use especially as there is a bend in the road just a few metres from the location of the building which has a reduced sight line for both pedestrians and drivers alike.

Also, as we have an element within the community with drink problem and the Pound is located a few metres away and has already been used by drinkers who exhibit anti social behaviour such that Police notices have recently been posted on all the park benches. Patrons of Ship Inn confined their responsible drinking to the premises and this did not extend to the local area around the public house. With off licence sales from a Morrisons shop especially over extended hours , any anti social behaviour is likely to worsen to the detriment of those families and children who use this local park amenity.

Additionally, application AW/215/14/A for the illuminated signage is likely to be intrusive at night time and out of place generally.

Yours sincerely,

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