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4 September 2104

Dear Sirs,

**Planning Applications AW/211/14/PL and AW/215/14/A:
Change of use of the Ship Inn**

Although Aldwick has a long history as a village, and is now an attractively green suburb, it has very few buildings that are either old or attractive. This inn, the only old building placed in a commandingly visible position in Aldwick, must by nature of its projected use as a supermarket, lose its attraction, and with it something of the character of the place.

Please also take into account the background to its difficulties in successfully trading as a public house: parliament has already noted and condemned the destructive power of 'pubco' owners on the existence of traditional public houses. Private landlords run very successful establishments in our neighbouring Pagham: I cannot believe that, despite fifty years of social change, the inn, under a different regime from Enterprise Inns, could not flourish as it did when I came to Aldwick in 1961.

Yours faithfully,

Colin Crouch.

Arun District Council
Planning Department