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Development Control Committee

WORTHEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

08 SEP 2014

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Dear Sirs,

Morrison's / Ship Inn / objections

AW/2.11/14/PL

1. The Ship, 200 years old, is an historic building & feature of Aldwick village. It should, and could be, a local amenity. There is no other Pub/Restaurant within  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile.
2. Traffic hazard. Aldwick Street is a busy road. There is very little parking space and what there is already has many cars. This will be exacerbated by Morrison's extending their building into the existing Ship car park. The congestion will be made worse by large vehicles making deliveries to the shop on a regular basis.

3. There is no pavement on the Shop side of the road forcing shoppers, especially those with children, to face the hazard of having to cross the road to access the shop.

4. The risk of hooliganism is increased by the sale of alcohol late at night with the adjacent pond an attractive playground.

AW/215/14/A

1. The 'signs & lights of the premises' will be out of character with the village.

Comment

This project is purely for the benefit of Morrisons. It does not serve a local need, we already have four convenience stores available. It will in no way add to the attraction of living in Alderwick.

yours faithfully,

RL REES

4th September 2014

Dear Sir,

Please note my responses to the enclosed

note.

We do not want Mortons store in place  
of the Ship. It would ruin the village

and the road will be a death trap

will great delivery routes & extra

traffic via Norton road. Some

profit comes before safety!

Selling alcohol early & late-opening for

travellers, Street drinking and a temptation

for school boys & girls after school hours.

Roads from town too would come & maybe

gather on the "Round" causing rubbish &

noise. The road is already a more heavily

concentrated at the end of Alkova Road.

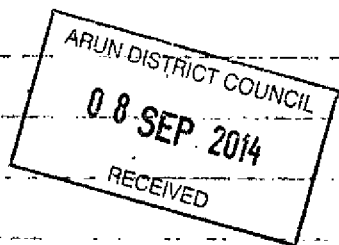
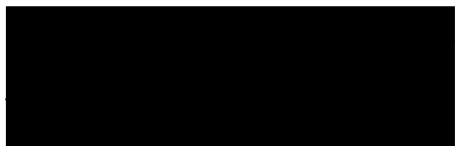
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Mr & Mrs P. J. P. P.  
35 King Way  
Bournemouth  
PO2 1 4PN  
Dorset

Please look again at the area  
- we don't want it spoiled by  
Morrisons!

Yours truly



## How to Stop Morrisons

If you want to save the Ship Inn, you must immediately object in writing against Morrisons' plans. You may do this either by letter or e-mail to Arun District Council.

You have to do this twice – once for each of the two Planning Applications.

Make sure that every person in the house objects individually. A couple objecting together will be counted once, not twice.

Quoting AW/211/14/PL you should mention the following points:-

- The loss of an historic pub in an area already designated by the council as of 'special character'.
- The loss of a valued, local amenity because there is no other pub within half a mile.
- The real prospect of a traffic safety hazard and congestion on Aldwick Street with cars and delivery lorries entering and exiting during opening hours.
- The noise nuisance from the proposed external freezer unit, especially if you live at the back of the Ship Inn.
- The increased hooliganism which would result from a late night store selling carry-out alcohol to people from outside the area.

Quoting AW/215/14/A you should mention:- *I do agree*

- The ugly nature of the Morrisons signage, how out of place it would be in Aldwick village, and that the illumination would be intrusive at night. *It would be a dreadful mistake.*

Please provide your name and address on your objections. *Mrs B. Rees*

It doesn't have to be long. Just a few relevant lines will do.

*3, Stirling Way  
Aldwick Bognor Regis  
PO21 4PN*

Either e-mail your objections to the Development Control Committee at [www.arun.gov.uk/planning](http://www.arun.gov.uk/planning).

Or write to them at Arun District Council, The Arun Civic Centre, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton, W. Sussex BN17 5LF.

**Please do this now, and certainly by 11 September which is the closing date for objections.**

The more objections we can send to Arun DC, the better chance we have of saving the Ship Inn. Let's send them hundreds!



## WE CAN STILL SAVE THE SHIP INN

ACT NOW ...OR WE'LL LOOSE THIS 200 YEAR-OLD PUB FOREVER

MORRISONS WANT TO TURN IT INTO A MINI-SUPERMARKET

*NO!*

THEIR PLANS WILL RUIN ALDWICK VILLAGE

*YES*

WE WILL LOOSE A VITAL LOCAL AMENITY

*YES*

ARUN COUNCIL WILL LET IT HAPPEN... UNLESS WE ALL OBJECT

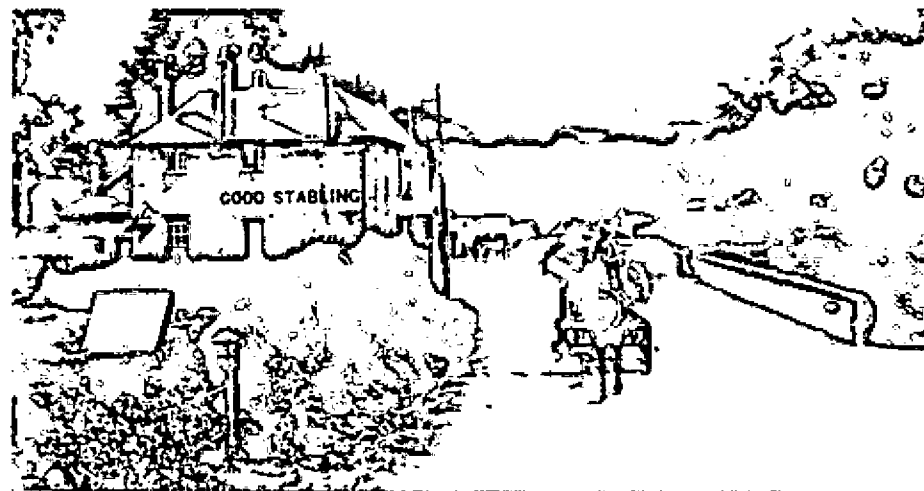
*I object*

**THIS LEAFLET TELLS YOU HOW AND WHEN: (see back page)**

READ IT, AND THEN ACT

HAVE YOUR SAY

DON'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT



84 Aldwick village at about the time the Rank family stayed at Aldwick Place in 1900. Note the dovecote on the left of the Ship Inn's wall. Although The Street is finished only in 'hoggin' (a mixture of stones, clay and sand), it has been obviously well maintained.

**Morrisons** is a supermarket giant that doesn't care about Aldwick or the local community. They're only interested in making money for themselves. *GREEDY*

Their plans will destroy the Ship Inn as a pub forever. And there has been a Ship Inn on this site in Aldwick Street for 200 years. *Must be refused,*

The present building dates back to at least the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Morrisons plan to build an extension, which would ruin it. The illuminated signs they want to put up are hideous. *Refused*

This proposed Morrisons store will open seven days a week until late at night. It will irreversibly smash the historic character of Aldwick. *No - Refused*

Not only that, there will be traffic congestion and road safety hazards. We all know how busy Aldwick Street gets. It's a main road and bus route. Morrisons lorries and vans will be delivering every day inevitably causing back-ups and delays. *Accidents will happen*

There's no pavement at all on the Ship Inn side of Aldwick Street. Morrisons have no plans to ensure pedestrian safety for customers who will have to cross the busy, congested road to get to their store. *all they want is profits*

They want to reconfigure and resurface the pub car park. That will mean the entrance and exit moving closer to the Aldwick Street blind bend. This will increase the likelihood of accidents with on-coming traffic. *Exceedingly dangerous*

Ludicrously, Morrisons claim there won't be any more cars using their car park than there were when it was a pub, even though pubs don't open at seven in the morning, and people tend to stay in pubs longer than they do in supermarkets. That's why they haven't any road safety plans for their car park. And if they did, getting permission for them would delay their opening the store with loss of profit! *Safety is not a concern - only profit!!*

Of course, Aldwick already has four convenience stores within a mile. One of them is across the road from the Ship Inn. Tudor News has been run for more than 20 years by Ashvin Patel. Morrisons couldn't care less about his livelihood, or the paper boys who deliver to 500 homes every day. His business will be under threat, and so will our newspaper deliveries. *We must support Tudor News & Mr Patel*

Some have said The Ship Inn is a dead pub. It's been poorly patronised and it's had its day. Why not turn it into a store?

It's true The Ship Inn has been in decline for several years. The reason was poor landlords unwilling or unable to provide what we all wanted. But we know of several credible local businessmen who want to run it, invest in it, and turn it into a thriving restaurant-pub. The Ship Inn was once a viable, commercial success. It can be again and resume its place as the hub of the local community. After all, there's no other pub within three-quarters of a mile. *didn't care*

So why didn't that happen? Unfortunately, Enterprise Inns Plc who own the pub didn't give the people interested in making it viable the chance to do so. They closed the Ship Inn last April, and sold a 15 year lease to Morrisons. The supermarket giant is now stripping out the bar and the insides of the building.

One more point. Morrisons have asked the Council to grant them an alcohol license from 6 am to midnight, seven days a week. That means alcohol would be on sale later in Aldwick than anywhere else in the district. Drinkers would come for miles to buy carry-outs. *No! No! No!*

Cynically, Morrisons know they won't get these hours. And there's been a deluge of local objections to them. They calculate Arun's Licensing Committee will cut them down - possibly 7 am

*Putting temptation to school boys & girls.*

to 10 pm. If they accept, they will portray it as a compromise. It'll be nothing of the sort.

In any case, selling carry-out alcohol late at night in Aldwick will inevitably attract hooligans and undesirables. There's already a problem with revellers returning from Bognor. That will get worse with the Morrisons store. *Yes it will.*

For those who like to know about local history, we can trace all the Ship Inn's landlords back to 1841. It has associations with smuggling in the 19 century. During road works some years ago, a secret tunnel was discovered leading to it from the shore. And an old wooden mast holds up the ceiling in the bar. *Must be kept*

As long as the Morrisons' plans to change the external appearance of the pub are not passed by Arun District Council, the Ship Inn can be saved. But if they are approved, there's no going back. That will be the end of 200 years of history, and you will have lost a unique local amenity. *Must not be passed !!*

## What Morrisons Plan To Do

Morrisons have submitted two planning permission applications to Arun District Council.

The reference numbers are AW/211/14/PL and AW/215/14/A.

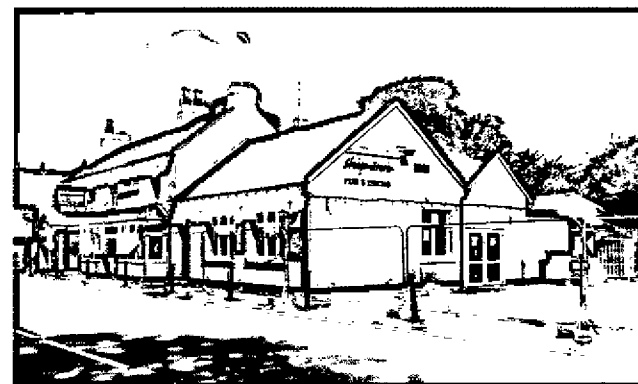
Under AW/211/14/PL they want to do the following:- *Must not*

- Build a 39 square metre extension to the building as the main entrance to the store on the car park side.
- Install an external, noisy freezer store. *Must not*
- Resurface and reconfigure the car park which will result in the resiting of the entrance and exit closer to the blind bend to the east. *Must not*
- Put in a hole in the wall cash machine. *Must not - would invite thieves & Rogues*

Under AW/215/14/A they want to:-

- Erect six illuminated Morrisons signs on the outside of the building including one of their big 'bus stop' signs. *NO MUST NO DO SO.*

The Ship Inn now fenced off by Morrisons



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Mrs A Allison  
1 Grangewood Drive  
BOGNOR REGIS  
West Sussex  
PO21 4LT

Dear Sirs,

I strongly object to Tourists  
taking on the "Ship Inn" for the  
following reasons.

- 1) Little or no parking space.
- 2) People wishing to drink alcohol  
at 70c in the morning, are likely  
to be alcoholics & will mess +  
leave rubbish including bottles (Tins  
etc) + fast food wrappers everywhere.
- 3) Therefore in view of the above -  
The Pound, the private parking of  
the flats (opposite) + where small shops  
are located will be rubbished
- 4) The ~~small~~ shops (particularly Tudor News  
will lose their livelihoods.
- 5) We have a small supermarket already  
at Chaygeit - a large Supermarket (Co-op)  
at Rose Green + others in the vicinity.
6. Blockage of road - (like the Tesco in the Alawick  
Road) To faith (all

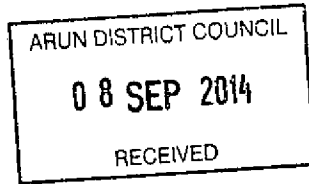
(Mrs)

AW/215/14/A  
AW/211/14/PL

Mrs M. I. Margetts  
35 Marine Park  
Nyewood Lane  
Aldwick, Bognor Regis  
West Sussex PO21 2QN

Arundel District Council  
Planning Dept.  
BN17 5HF

5.9.14



Dear Sir,

I have been considering the plan  
to let Morrisons have a store in  
the Ship Inn.

I feel this is very bad judgement  
on the Council's part. This Inn is part of  
Aldwick, it is Aldwick, it's history.

Have you considered the traffic  
hazard? It will surely lead to a fatal  
accident in time. Do not be responsible for that.  
Also consider the noise, and alcohol being  
bought late at night, to be drunk outside, locally.

Please consider the residents; surely  
we do count — we do pay you ~~our~~ rates, we  
own property.

No Morrisons store please.

Yours truly

29 Fernhurst Gardens

Aldwick

West Sussex

PO214BA

Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 2014

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Dear Sir/Madam

Your Ref;

Ship Inn, Aldwick Street conversion to Morrisons Convenience Store.

AW/211/14/PL and AW/215/14/A

I write to voice my objection to the above application.

Aldwick Street is a very busy and narrow route and sometimes traffic moves very fast, as car parking on the site seems to be limited it would lead to vehicles stopping to wait for others to move in or out of the car park area and others will just park dangerously on the road.

An example of this is the Tesco convenience store in Aldwick Road where vehicles frequently double park out on the roadway.

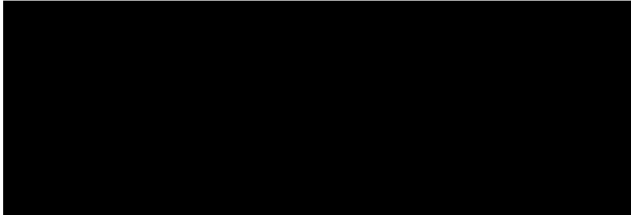
As there is no pavement on that side of Aldwick Street it would become particularly dangerous for pedestrians attempting to cross and with the closeness of the blind bend making it even more hazardous and a recipe for disaster.

There will be considerably more short term coming and going at this store than there would be for a public house or restaurant.

It also is a shame to see a pub with such a long history within the community of Aldwick cease to be and gone for ever.

Yours faithfully

Russell Thomas



29 Fernhurst Gardens  
Aldwick  
West Sussex  
PO214BA  
Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 2014

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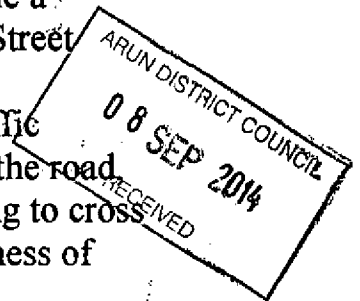
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How sad I am that the Ship Inn, which has been trading for 200 years as a pub in the village of Aldwick, will end up being a Morrisons convenience store.

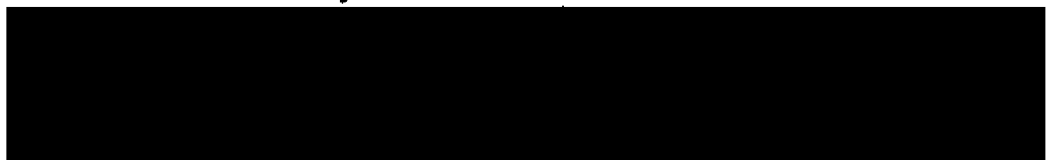
I am most concerned with the traffic situation, the car parking for the proposed store seems very limited which will mean that every time a vehicle leaves or enters the car park, the traffic flow on Aldwick Street will be badly disrupted and this is likely to be very frequently.

- Aldwick Street is very busy and rather narrow and sometimes traffic moves very fast - as there is no pavement on the Ship Inn side of the road, it would become particularly dangerous for pedestrians attempting to cross to and from the proposed store and that, combined with the closeness of the blind bend.

The delivery vehicles would add to these dangers.



Yours faithfully

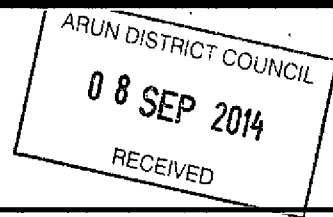


**AW/211/14/PL Planning application Ship Inn Aldwick****From:** [REDACTED]**Priority:**

Normal

**Date**

04/09/2014 19:59



Dear Sir

The planning application above should not be considered.

Apart from the road safety hazard of the position. If you are familiar with the area you must know it is not suitable for large lorries to be a frequent user. How many more of our historic buildings are to be taken over for useless projects we already have enough of. Has any consideration at all been given to local residents how will they cope with the noise. What about the devaluing of their homes.

Mrs J.M. Chambers  
1 Cedar Close East  
Aldwick PO21 3BG

AW/215/14/A Planning application for Morrison Signage at Ship Inn Site

Have the residents in the locality of this site no rights because if this application is agreed you will have proved they have none.



**aw/211/14/PL Planning application ship Inn Aldwick**

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**From:****To:**

www.arun.gov.uk

**Priority:**

Normal

**Date**04/09/2014 20:42

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dear sir

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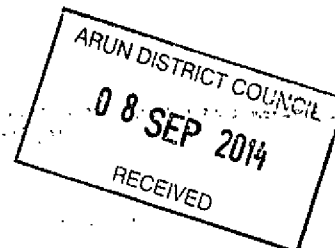
Mr C. Chambers.

1 Cedar Close East

Aldwick PO21 3BG

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TO THE CHAIRMAN  
OF THE ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
FROM THE  
MEMBER FOR  
THE ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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AW/211/14/PL  
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RE. MORRISONS & THE SHIP INN. ALDWICK VILLAGE.

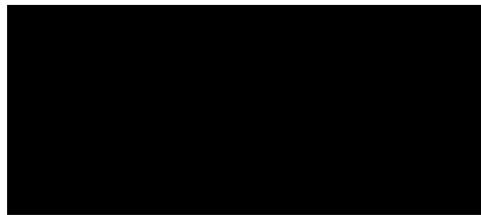
Dear Sir or Madam,

You've no doubt been approached & are aware of peoples revulsion at what obviously you have already passed and are allowing Morrisons to carry out at this site. Is it contemorable that for once you can come up with a correct decision & not allow this project to go ahead? Your Council members who I have seen in action in the past are prepared to rip the heart out of this community by allowing such a venture to go ahead in such a lovely village. I have lived here for 14 years in retirement form & have considered myself to be very lucky both with neighbours & friends and an environment which can't be equalled until those Council members who are allowing this to happen are let loose. I served on our Parish Council for over a year & came across actions & decisions made at The Arun Civic Centre. Firstly the traffic problems this will create. The sheer death sentence imposed on existing business in the area. The understood problem brought about by cheap & late night alcohol sales & those poor souls living in close proximity. Try to put sensible thinking caps on and bring about an idea that <sup>benefit</sup> help & benefit people in the immediate area.

Is it conceivably possible that this objection together with the many you have already received could possibly turn the tide to a decision that would appear to have already been made purely by the erection of fences by Morrison on the proposed site.

The one redeeming feature here is that I'm able to sleep at night, while of your Councillors that have taken the step in allowing this evil act, can they lay their heads and sleep reflecting on what they have done

God Help Them



RICHARD S.T. FORD.