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Sent: 04 September 2014 22:36
To: Planning
Subject: The Ship Inn, Aldwick

Development Control Committee

Dear Committee Members,

Re AW/211/14/PL

My husband and I have been extremely concerned to observe the stripping of the Ship Inn in Aldwick, and to learn of the plans to turn it into a supermarket.

This would seem to be completely unacceptable in such an historic village area, and to an historic public house. We understand there are plausible parties interested in retaining the purpose of the pub as the meeting point of the village by turning it into a viable enterprise of restaurant and pub, an asset to us all. We would sincerely appreciate the opportunity to continue such an historic and valuable tradition here, one we have very much missed since the days of our last responsible landlord.

There is not another pub with a village atmosphere within easy reach of Aldwick, in fact the nearest pub of any type is half a mile away.

The siting of a supermarket in such an area as Aldwick village surely cannot be safe. It has a narrow road and is already quite congested at times. If pedestrians are to be necessarily crossing the road to access the shop, the accident potential will raise significantly, particularly with large delivery lorries and vans regularly using the road and small car park. There is no footpath at all on one side of the road.

There could be real problems with the associated licensing of sales of alcohol here, particularly if the hours are extended beyond general local supermarket opening hours. Undesirable behaviour from those people who regularly abuse the use of alcohol would be more prevalent, and The Pound, currently a safe and clean environment for local

people of all ages, may very well become frequented by drinking groups as seen regularly in the more secluded areas in Bognor town. We are involved in Neighbourhood Watch, and are aware of the low crime rate in our area. This could be difficult to maintain should the status and habits of those using the area deteriorate.

This area is already very well served by supermarkets. There are three Co-op supermarkets and a Tesco supermarket easily accessible, as well as our own local Tudor Inn, which stocks a wide range of produce as well as supplying newspapers to many of us. A further supermarket is surplus to requirements.

Re AW/215/14/A

The signage proposed would not be in keeping with the nature and atmosphere of Aldwick village, and the light from it would not be at all acceptable at night.

We very much appreciate your consideration of our views and hope it conveys our love and enjoyment of our village and its' environment.

Yours sincerely,

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