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Arun District Council
The Development Control Committee
The Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
LITTLEHAMPTON
BN17 5LF

7th September 2014

Dear Sirs

Redevelopment of The Ship Inn, Aldwick

AW/215/14/A

The proposed new signage is completely out of character with the area. Aldwick still retains a lot of its original village atmosphere which would be compromised. The illuminations would also be a distraction to drivers at night. The light emitted would also be intrusive to those living close by and incongruous with the fact that the council is, at present, replacing existing street lights to lessen light pollution.

AW/211/14/PL

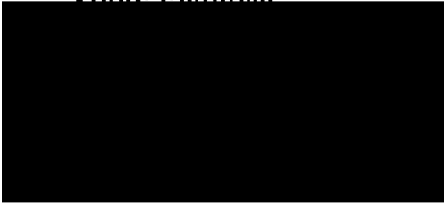
By allowing the closure of "our pub" and replacing it with yet another unwanted mini-super store you are depriving the local community of a valuable asset. In the past The Ship Inn has been at the hub of our community. Agreed, that recently it has been in decline but I feel this has been orchestrated by Enterprise Inns for their own convenience because they can make a better profit elsewhere. We already have enough local stores within easy access and the loss to the Tudor News agency across the road will be colossal. Mr Ashwin Patel and his wife's livelihood is at considerable risk and this is to someone who has worked so hard both officially and locally for our community. Morrisons of course could not care less about this.

The road is already a dangerous one with lots of parked vehicles opposite the building making it very difficult for pedestrians to cross safely from one side to the other. There is no pavement on the other side of the road where people without cars could safely access the store. Secondly, vehicles exiting the car park will have a very limited view of on-coming traffic. It is **already** difficult to do so safely but with an extension in the car park it will be even worse. In my opinion this is just an accident waiting to happen.

Finally, to sell alcohol from 6am to midnight, seven days a week will affect everyone living close by and could result in yet more hooliganism particularly with access to Aldwick Green so close by which would be a haven for heavy drinkers.

I sincerely hope that Arun District Council will re-consider its decision on this Change of Business to The Ship Inn.

Yours faithfully



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FROM: ANNA HARVEY

09 September 2014

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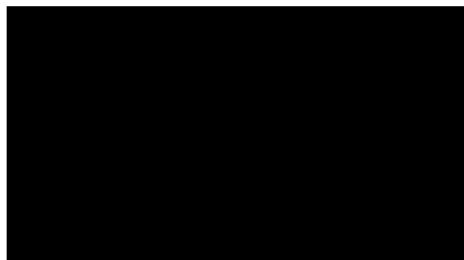
I live in Aldwick and have done so for 12 years. **I would like to object to the above mentioned planning applications on the following grounds:-**

- a. If the above applications were to be approved it would entail the loss of an **important historic pub** which has been an integral part of Aldwick life for well over 200 years. This valued local amenity will be sorely missed as there is no other pub within half a mile. With the scarcity of buses and the cost of having to go by taxi – especially the elderly and infirm- the delight of visiting a pub will no longer be an easy option.
- b. Its conversion to a shop is not necessary as there is already a shop and **newsagent opposite called "Tudor News"** which has served the local community for 20 years and still continues to do so to this day. What will happen to Mr. & Mrs. Ashvin Patel if a Morrisons were to open opposite?
- c. The Ship Inn may have closed due to a number of reasons which may have consisted of a lack of brewery investment, an uninterested or greedy management company, the current credit crunch or in some cases poor tenant landlords. I believe any or all these possible faults could be rectified if the pub were to be placed under new inspirational management thereby enabling it to become a successful pub as it used to be just a few years ago.
- d. There will be a real **danger of a traffic safety hazard and congestion on Aldwick Street** with cars and delivery lorries entering and exiting during opening hours. The car park is small for a supermarket type outlet and human nature being what it is, people will prefer to park on the road thereby causing congestion. Obstruction and delay will be the consequence especially in the

event of an emergency – police vehicles, fire engines and ambulances - needing to gain access to any of the properties in Aldwick Street and nearby roads.

- e. It is my view that this development will **not** make a positive contribution to this **Area of Special Character**. How can it? Think about it?
- f. **The erection of a 39 square metre extension and freezer store will greatly lessen even further the limited space already available for off street parking. In addition the external freezer store will amount to a noise nuisance for those living close by.**
- g. I refer to **Planning Application AW/215/14/A** and the ugly nature of the Morrisons' signage including its intrusiveness at night. I believe it will spoil this beautiful and well loved Aldwick village for all time.
- h. **Importantly, there is a lack of entertainment facilities in the village, especially for young adults. There is a real need for a village pub for entertainment and social interaction. The permanent loss of The Ship will further erode village community life and be a loss to the County.**

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