

**With reference to planning applications
AW/211/14/PL and AW/215/14/A**

Having lived in Aldwick all my life, so that is now nearly 60 years, I have seen many changes to the area, some good and some bad. Some decisions have been made by people outside of this area, who do not understand the effects on the way of life for people who live around here. So, this is a chance for myself to add a comment to the many other people about why this planning application should be rejected.

Objections to the above planning applications

1) Street congestion

It has already been shown that in Aldwick road, when the layby outside the Tesco Express store was full, cars would park in the road on the double yellow lines, while the shoppers went into the store, this caused enormous traffic congestion, so they have now erected bollards close to the kerb to stop this. But Delivery lorries which are much larger and cannot park in the lay-by have to park out front, on the double yellow lines, and this still causes traffic congestion, while they unload.



Photo showing Aldwick road with the Tesco Express.



The ship Inn looking West



The Ship Inn in Fish Lane, looking East

As can be seen in the above photos, The bollards outside the existing ship pub are there to protect customers as they enter the pub, and not to stop cars parking outside the pub, as most local people walk to the pub. These bollards are set farther back from the road, then at the Tesco store in Aldwick road, therefore this will allow cars to park outside, even though there are double yellow lines.

It's well known that people today take no notice of yellow lines, you just have to go to Rose Green road on any day and most people park where they like, be it double yellow lines or across people's driveways. They know there are no traffic wardens in the area.

So not only will you have delivery lorries out front causing traffic congestion on a daily basis, but also shoppers will park out front and pop in as they drive past to pick up their sandwiches and drink to take to work, and that's going to lead to more congestion during the busy morning traffic.

And a danger of pedestrians being hurt when they dash across the road from the lay-by opposite.

Just look at where the Range Rover is in the road, in the top photo, then imagine a large HGV parked outside the proposed store, you can see how narrow it is.....

In the second photo, you can see how little room there is in the road, between the parked cars outside the shops, then imagine a lorry parked outside the Proposed store. You can clearly see that nothing would be able to get past....Result....long traffic queues....and the public highway being blocked. Which is against the highways act.

Reason for rejection of this proposal.

2) No safe pedestrian crossing point

This is a very busy road, at most times of the day, but particularly in the mornings and evenings rush hour periods, the time when people dash into stores to grab essential items.

When people are coming from Bognor, returning to Rose Green or Pagham, they won't try and park in the car park, which is on the other side of the road, they will park as near as they can on the southern side of the road, in the lay-by. This will then require them to dash across a busy road, near a bend in the road.

Accidents would happen, As there is NO provision for this in the proposal Therefore another reason for rejection

3) Noise pollution

It has been shown in tests that there are set acceptable noise limits in the area, tests have been carried out, for 3 time zones during the day with acceptable average limits for each.

But these have been averaged, meaning readings of cars and trucks going by over a certain period of time, then averaged, with the additional very low background noise, being in a village environment, this is barely anything worth talking about.

But if Morrisons are allowed to have a store in this location the noise will be constant, the air conditioning units and refrigeration being a constant background noise, humming in the background all the time.

And that is really something you, yes you the person reading this, would not want all the time, imagine sitting outside on a summers day, with the constant hum running in the background, that is noise pollution.

4) The effects on local small businesses

Across the road from the proposed site is the Tudor News agents and convenience store, this has been run by Mr Patel for over 20 years, his business provides jobs to local school boys who deliver papers for him. His business and the jobs for the local paper boys would be destroyed, by Morrisons being across the road. Charming.....

As a local community we should care about local store keepers and help them, not destroy their business by allowing multinational companies move in.

5) The effects of allowing Morrison's to have an alcohol licence

At the present time, this site is yes a public house and eating establishment. And some might say, so what is the difference in allowing Morrison's to have an alcohol licence and it already being a pub, well there is one big difference. Rose Green and Pagham have had a lot of problems over the past number of years with anti social behaviour, mainly youths popping into local stores, buying cheap cider etc and sitting on street corners drinking to the late hours. Throwing bottles into the street and running down the street kicking wing mirrors from cars.

I myself have had my car damaged on three occasions.

Pubs as such do not attract young kids, as they are not allowed in, but stores which sell drink are a big problem.

And allowing Morrison's to have an alcohol licence, would result in the same issues occurring in Aldwick, This is a safe and peaceful area which doesn't need these sort of problems.

Another reason to reject this application.

This location has historically had a local pub, everyone around here has grown up with the Ship Inn, So much today in England is changing, and certainly most of it is not for the best.

We should treasure what in the past has been part of English culture, the loss of yet another pub would be an enormous loss to the local people in and around Aldwick, we do not need another multinational store in the area.

Please consider the above points when deciding the above proposed application.

- a) Consider the traffic concession
- b) Consider the danger to life, as there are no provisions for road safety in the area
- c) Consider the effects to local shop owner and school boys, with the loss of their livelihood and income
- d) Consider the effects of noise pollution on local people

I'm certain that if you were to consider all the above points that would see there is only one decision you can make, and that is rejection of this plan.

Yours Sincerely

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