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Of course, it is totally unacceptable for a community asset such as a public house with a history over several decades to be moth balled and left to waste as a derelict building for such a long period of time. Initially those who managed The Ship were prevented from continuing with it as a viable business because of prohibitive fees in rent, rates etc. Consequently, it was surrendered to be transformed to a convenience store, first for Morrisons and then My Store. Clearly, this didn't work because, before long, the shop closed leaving The Ship to become a derelict building to rot. This is a tragedy and such an outrageous decision should never have been allowed to happen.

The proposed alternative for a store such as One Stop would be disastrous. It has already been demonstrated that a convenience shop on this site didn't work. Also, the requirement of such a development would mean delivery lorries parking illegally and dangerously on a narrow busy road, causing potential road accidents. In the

event of a shop returning here, in all probability, this would mean the death sentence to our long established and desirable local newsagent Tudor News.

Any opportunity to change this situation and to revive this building for an active use should be seized by local authorities, on behalf of the community. I understand that there is now such a window of opportunity to return the Ship to serve the locality. I urge councillors and officers of Arun D.C. to do all they can to support this initiative by the Friends of The Ship.

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