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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 16 September 2019 17:29
To: Simon Davis <[REDACTED]>
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Dear Simon Davis,

My name is Mr L Bibby, I am sending this message to let you know objections my wife and I have regarding changes earmarked for the SHIP INN, Aldwick.

Moving from Croydon to Bognor Regis 4 years ago, we witnessed, against local residents blessings the SHIP's closure and become a Morrison's convenience store, within a very brief period Morrison's also closed and it became a My-Local convenience store that also quickly closed. The SHIP was then boarded up and left in an unloved state of decay.

Loyal local residents were hostile to these convenience stores and would not use them. We already have the convenience store opposite this site that has outlasted the unwelcomed competition. It is well used and liked being family run and trading for a long time. Supported by everyone locally, as are the other traders in that parade.

Our view is that another convenience store will be bound to fail as no one will use it. As Boris Johnson said *We Would Rather Be Dead In A Ditch* than shop at yet another convenience store here. We already have a Tesco's Extra in Aldwick high street and 2 Co-Ops in Rose Green. We are truly not short of local convenience shops for quick pick-ups or a more substantial shopping.

Fish Lane is very narrow and busy with through traffic, so, if the store relied on regular Van/Lorry deliveries it would cause considerable disruption and bring new dangers to this route which will be getting even busier in the future considering the vast number of new homes promised.

However *'The friends of the Ship Inn'* committee have an exciting alternative use for the Ship and the public are very supportive of plans to bring the ship back as a community hub, pub, eatery. Indeed, they held a meeting last week and the St Richards Hall was packed to the gunnels with enthusiastic, concerned folk, keen to put in place backing for funds and look forward to the community having once again a nucleus for local interests. To sum up, we simply object to convenience stores above all else.

Yours sincerely, L.Bibby