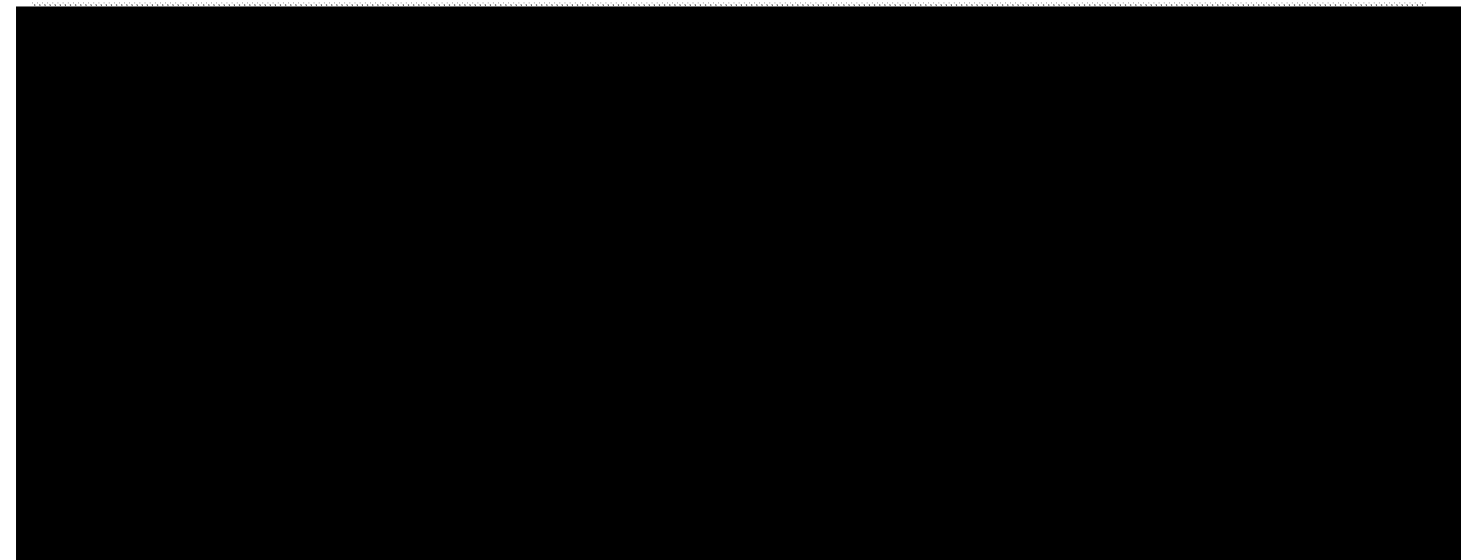




Sent: 17 September 2019 10:59

To: Simon Davis <Simon.Davis@arun.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Application_Ref_No=AW/237/19/PL Objection to Proposals

Please note I am resending my email from the 13th as the original does not appear to have been registered

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Aldwick Street



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To: 'simon.davis@arun.gov.uk' <simon.davis@arun.gov.uk>

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Dear Mr Davis,

As residents of 2 Grange Lodge, situated at the top of Dark Lane as the road joins Aldwick Street, we are constantly plagued by turning vehicles using the road as an unofficial roundabout and parking space, contrary to highways restrictions. Whilst this is annoying, we have to live with it. However, what is totally unacceptable will be the inevitable use of the space directly outside our Kitchen window, Dining Room, two front bedrooms and bathroom windows by up to 35 lorries a week most of which will be large articulated diesel vehicles pumping untold tonnes of particulates into the air directly outside our house. The deliveries will start from 5 Am in the morning, which will disrupt our sleep patterns and have a detrimental effect upon our health and wellbeing. Added to which we will find, as we did when Morrisons tried and failed, then My Local tried and failed, that vehicles will not only use the road to turn, but it will be used as a parking bay whilst the car park at the Ship is emptied of cars so that these giant

vehicles can gain access for their deliveries. The road outside our houses will simply become an unofficial lorry car park, with disastrous impact upon the value and saleability of our house.

Having suffered from severe pulmonary emboli I am very conscious of exposing my lungs to unnecessary risk and especially try to avoid highly polluting atmospheres wherever possible. To allow these heavy diesel lorries to turn and park outside of our house is extremely worrying, bearing in mind that all those which are refrigerated have to keep their refrigeration units running, which of course involves running diesel engines polluting the atmosphere. In days of severe warnings on climate change, to allow such an application runs contrary to all the sound environmental practises being encouraged.

The concept of all these deliveries is totally unacceptable and should be resisted at all counts and we implore Arun District Council to do what its previous incumbents failed to do and that is to refuse this application.

Furthermore, the Street itself is far too narrow to have these huge delivery vehicles arriving all day. I seem to recall that previously Arun had instructed Morrisons to build a pathway (?) on the Northern side of the road in accordance with Highways recommendations, this has not be done.

The proposal to allow 5 deliveries a day from 5am to 9.30pm fails to take into account local traffic conditions. The road is extremely busy and whilst some traffic calming schemes have been introduced, (albeit with little success of slowing traffic on the bend approaching The Ship from the East) this proposal will only exacerbate what is a major issue for local residents, whether on foot trying to cross the road from the footpaths at Fish Lane, or indeed the traffic congestion which builds when the simplest of deliveries takes place to the few shops already operating opposite the Ship. 5 deliveries in a period of 19 and half hours is far too excessive. If each delivery takes on average an hour and half to complete from the time the vehicle arrives, parks up (illegally in front of our house), or blocks The Street (creating a Highways congestion) , to clearing the car park, unloading, checking delivery receipts and signing paperwork, to then stopping traffic again to allow the size of the vehicle to swing out into the road, to say nothing of having to find the owners of the cars properly and legally parked outside on the south side of the road, then in any one day some 7.5 hours will be taken up with some kind of delivery related actions causing disturbance, noise, pollution, and danger to the residents of Aldwick and the many hundreds of car users who thunder down the road.

Additionally, what happens when these articulated lorries turn into the car park to the customers using the shop ? We know from the failed efforts of Morrisons and My Local that the footfall of customers was so poor that both these stores failed financially, so the closure of the car park for nearly 8 hours a day based on the Morrisons escapade wont be that significant, as the half a dozen or so people using the store when access is restricted will just do what nearly every local resident does anyway, and that is to shop in either of the two CoOps less than half a mile away in Rose Green or the Tesco in Aldwick Road. However, for one brief moment consider, in the very unlikely event that One Stop are successful in persuading people to shop there, then the fact the car park will be closed for long durations of the day, limiting access to the store as the main entrance and exit doors open directly onto the car park, presents a massive Health and Safety risk to pedestrians using the shop, or simply the shop has to close during delivery times.

To conclude, to allow this proposal to go ahead will have a massive negative affect upon the local community, it will cause :_

	Noise disturbance and disrupt sleep patterns
nuisance	Impact on the privacy of people who have a right to enjoy their homes without
	Create tonnes of carbon pollution and diesel particulates
	Cause massive traffic congestion and delays
off this stretch of road	Increase the risk of collisions on the bend for the houses which have drives directly
	Increase the illegal parking and turning on Dark Lane
	Present increased risk to pedestrians, mobility scooter users and children
of half the working day	Cause a serious health and safety hazard in the delivery area during the best part

Finally it will have a marked impact on the value of surrounding properties for which legal remedy would of course be sort from those responsible

Thank you for taking the time to consider our objections and hopefully be convinced to recommend to the Planning Committee that this application be refused.

Kind Regards
David and Caroline Gerrie



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