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Dear Friends,

Our campaign to revive the Ship Inn has had a great boost of energy since our packed public meeting at Mosse Hall on 10 September. And that's down to you all and your fabulous support. In the coming months, we're going to need you even more.

Some great people with the skills and talent to help us attain our goal have volunteered their services. So, now we have a new steering committee which includes expert knowledge of pub financials, marketing and project development, successful local business experience, and specialisation in pub refits.

These are the actions your Steering Committee are taking now:-

- We are registering a Community Benefit Society to buy the Ship Inn site, valued at £450,000.
- We are joining the Plunkett Foundation, the 100 year old charity which supports new community pubs.
- We are writing a Business Plan and Share Issue Prospectus to raise £300,000 by Christmas.
- We will apply for loans and grants from Plunkett, commercial lenders, and investors to raise the rest.
- We are commissioning a report which will tell us how much it will cost to refit the Ship Inn building and transform it back into a pub-restaurant.

Those who buy shares in The Ship Inn, Aldwick, Community Benefit Society will own the building and have a say in how it is run as a pub-restaurant..

As soon as we have the freehold, the plan is to run commercial operations from the building while the refit is being planned and then implemented. We want to be open by the summer of next year.

As a result of the public meeting, we have a lot of pledges to buy shares when the offer is published. One is truly astonishingly generous. But we need as many of you as possible to pledge what you can. The minimum is £100. Please e-mail our Treasurer John Pressdee at jpressdee@lineone.net to tell us how much you'd like to buy.

All those who do will be acknowledged in their own pub.

At the public meeting we also asked for donations to the Friends, working capital fund, so we can commission vital work like the refit report. We got nearly 40 donations totalling £2,530. Thank you so much, but we do need more. Sorry to keep begging, but if the rest of you can afford to contribute even a small amount, please fill in the attached form, choose a payment method, and return it to John Pressdee.

Following the meeting we now have 490 Friends! Loads of you signed up, but we are looking for many more. If any of your friends and family are not members, get them to join us. Tell them to send an e-mail to either Lynn Sullivan (lynn.sullivan@sky.com) or Alison Terry (alison.terry@hotmail.co.uk) with their Name, Address (including post code), contact number, and permission to store their details solely so we can communicate with them.

One Stop Planning Application.

As you know, the One Stop Store has submitted a planning application for the Ship Inn site. They have been negotiating with the owners for a lease to run yet another convenience store. The application is to vary the time and frequency of delivery times by articulated lorries, heavy vehicles and vans. We are vigorously opposing this application and so far 113 objections have been received by Arun.

You can find it at <https://www.arun.gov.uk/weekly-lists>. The planning application reference is **AW/237/19/PL**.

This week One Stop supplied further case correspondence, including a Tracking Plan for the delivery vehicles, which I attach. The three delivery options will result in congestion, danger and pollution on Aldwick Street by Tudor Parade. The preferred one appears to have articulated lorries stopping in the road and either backing in or backing out of the site. Or alternatively, stopping in the road and unloading by the building. One Stop say in their letter (also attached) that they will manage parking at delivery times, and there will be no interference with other vehicles parked in the bay on the other side of the road. This is palpable nonsense.

And there is one other item in the letter that is highly suspect. Morrisons never got around to complying with a condition that they build a crossing across Aldwick Street. One Stop have suddenly woken up to this planning condition and say that the site owners (Surplus Property Investments) will do it later. There is no confirmation in the correspondence that this will actually happen.

If you haven't officially objected to the One Stop Store planning application please do it now. This is what they want to do.

- 4 Deliveries per week by 38 ft articulated lorries
- 4 deliveries per week by a 3.5 tonne refrigerated van
- 3 deliveries per week from a frozen food distributor using 18 tonne vehicles
- 5 milk deliveries per week using 26 tonne refrigerated vehicles
- 12 bread deliveries a week (2 per day) using 18 tonne vehicles.
- 7 newspaper deliveries per week using transit vans.

Deliveries to take place between 6 am to 9pm. Newspapers will be delivered between 5 and 7 am.

All that seems to mean a total of 35 deliveries per week by heavy vehicles. Previously, Morrisons had permission for three deliveries per day; two artics and one transit van.

Objections to the One Stop planning application can go right up until it's discussed in committee but I urge anyone who hasn't to get their objections in now. The Arun case officer is Simon Davis. Please e-mail him now with your objections to Simon.Davis@arun.gov.uk. Or, you can go straight to the Arun planning page and submit your comments there. Please remember, we cannot ask Arun to stop the store because they gave approval to Morrisons back in 2014, but we can object specifically to the change in delivery times and frequency.

Dear Friends, keep fighting and supporting the campaign to Save The Ship. Follow us on our Facebook Page and leave your comments both there and on our Twitter account Save the Ship. Our community wants and needs our pub back. We deserve it. We will get it.

Good Luck to you all,

Roger Beam. Chairman