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Good afternoon Emma,

Please see below my recent email to Cllr's McGuin and Munro (Almondbury Ward) relating to redevelopment of the current Co op store in Almondbury village.

I understand, Co op retail wish to demolish the current store as soon as the new build is complete and build 6 modest apartments on the site.

You may/may not be aware of the 11year ex Rose & Crown fiasco that ensued due to various factors, not least of which Historic England stubbornness.

In brief: during its 11yr period of vacancy the R&C public house became terribly neglected, a magnet for anti social behaviour and an absolute eyesore in what is meant to be a 'conservation' area. Ironically, HE were particularly difficult regarding 2 front elevations of the R&C which they deemed 'listed' but had allowed the property to become virtually derelict over the extended period of vacancy without so much as a bat of an eyelid!

In summary : another 're-run' of the R&C we really do not need; as a resident of Almondbury I urge planning/HE to do all they can to take a pragmatic approach and facilitate redevelopment of the current Co op site once the site becomes vacant. It is already terribly shabby and dilapidated, adding nothing whatsoever to the Conservation area. The proposed residential development would be far more attractive and in keeping with the area if tastefully executed.

With kind regards