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# "SOS" - s a v e o u r s h o p s



*Belgravia society was appalled to learn that yet another of our small utility shops is to go. This time Blake's in Eccleston Street. The shop was opened as a temporary measure, while the redevelopment of the parade where their other shop is, was completed. The temporary shop proved so useful and popular locally to meet our needs that Blake's decided to stay. However, they are now forced to go - a severe loss to our community. We have just lost Stokes, and another of our local shops is under threat*

A number of small businesses have been forced to move or are being pushed to the brink of being no longer viable. Apart from the personal tragedy affecting these small businesses, the whole community of Belgravia is affected.

We often hear the cry from our members, we don't need any more boutiques or jewellery shops or high-end businesses. Also, many of these have come and gone within months as the footfall and profitability has not met expectations.

## *Shops are empty ...*

We have been overwhelmed by the community disappointment. Many of our members are asking what they can do to help to stop the erosion of our precious local shops. Asking Grosvenor to consider special policies for genuine local businesses that might not meet luxury criteria, but do meet local needs and help preserve the nature of our village may help. We suggest you write to **Catherine Stevenson (South Belgravia director for Grosvenor)** or **Douglas Crichton (North Belgravia director for Grosvenor)** or both to express your dismay and ask for their help to preserve the village community with its small shops.

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