

Bring Back Mick!

JOE CALLS FOR HAPPY RETURN

JOE Swash has called for bosses to bring back wheeler-dealer Mickey Miller.

The actor reckons it would be a perfect move after news of Grant Mitchell's sensational return.

London-born Joe, 34, was written out of the soap in 2008 after five years.

In September 2011, he briefly



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Arlene steps in to defend show

ARLENE Phillips has spoken out to defend the show she was booted from in 2008.

The former *Strictly* judge, 72, blasted rumours that the

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returned for two episodes to coincide with his on-screen brother's departure from the soap. Speaking at the opening night of *Cirque du Soleil's* *Amaluna*, he told us: "I'd love to go back."

The soap's fans are in heaven after hearing that Dame Barbara Windsor's pub landlady Peggy Mitchell will return then be killed off while hard man Grant Mitchell would be making his comeback after 10 years away.

Since his Walford departure, Joe has hosted *I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out of Here...Now!* as well as appearing in panto.

About Peggy's demise, he admitted: "It will be sad. It will be like a legend dying, it will be a shame."

He added: "But we've got the Carters now – they're the new Mitchells."

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elaborated: "I think it's coincidence. It's just one of

