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HUDSONS OFF LICENCE,

17th November 2017

Dear Sir or Madam, (DR. ANDREA COSCELLI)

Re: TESCO TAKE OVER OF BOOKERS WHOLESALER.

I wonder if you could help me, I run and own a small Off Licence which has been in the family since 1977. Then my father went to several cash and carries to acquire his stock, however, now I have the choice of two wholesalers and one sweet cash and carry... BOOKERS WALKDEN AND BESTWAY WHOLESALER PRESTON AND HANDCOCK'S CASH AND CARRY PRESTON WHICH SELLS JUST SWEETS.

Now earlier this week THE COMPETITION COMMISSION gave a provisional go ahead for TESCO which is a retailer the go ahead for them to take over BOOKER!!

Now if you go into a TESCO STORE you will find no alcohol products in store which are price marked... WHY?

While in BOOKERS if you want to purchase goods at a good price then you only have the choice of purchasing the price marked goods because the unpriced goods are more expensive....

So if the price marked goods are so good then why are they not in supermarkets?

Also, BOOKERS sell one or two wines that are not in TESCO but once they take over BOOKERS then these wines will be in store!!

I CAN SEE NO REASON THAT THIS TAKE OVER BENEFITING MY BUSINESS NOR THE INDEPENDENT SMALL SHOPS!!

NOTE... There is AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT 2014, MINIMUM ALCOHOL PRICING, which stops shops selling below wholesale price....

Well how come TESCO AND ASDA frequently go below wholesale price.... THE PUNISHMENT .. A FINE OR LOSS OF LICENCE AND YET NOTHING IS EVER DONE... ARE THESE STORES TOO BIG AND CAN BULLY THEIR SUPPLIERS AND

GOVERNMENT..... WHY IS NOTHING EVER DONE?

Now could someone from your organisation tell me how on earth this disgraceful deal benefit my business or the independent sector?

TESCO has tried it best to distroy the independent sector and your organisation may have helped to put yet another nail (MAYBE THE LAST NAIL) in the coffin of my business and many other small businesses!!

If the government were really interested in protecting the consumer then it would let us purchase goods at the same rate as supermarkets because I work on a very low profit margin, I would be a lot cheaper than the supermarkets.

Thank you for reading my letter and i will await your reply, however, i do not have the size or the money to pay for the help you have given TESCO FREE OF CHARGE!!!

Yours faithfully,

Laurence Eric Hudson. LICENCEE.