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Hello

I want to take this opportunity to request that the government look seriously into forcing Pubcos into giving tenants a fairer deal.

I live in Cambridge and have witnessed so many pubs in the city shut down over the last few years (always owned by pubcos). It is such a shame that so many pubs that have done business for many decades are now seen to be non profit making by the Pubco's that own them. Time and time again, the outgoing tenants have blamed exorbitant charges by their owners for the demise. The properties are then sold by the companies for development as housing, never sold off as a pub. If tenants are given the chance to offer lower pricing and more choice, I'm sure these pubs could once again attract customers from the local community. The independent pubs in Cambridge are a success story.

I personally have stopped going to my old local due to the ridiculous beer price rises. This is a pub owned by one of the big pubcos. The manager blamed the rises on the pubco that owned the pub. I have found another pub that is not owned by a big company and am very happy to spend my money there. Prices are better and the choice of ales is ever changing. Pubco tenants should be given some protection from the profit obsessed pubcos. After all, surely even the pubcos will be happy if more punters come into their pubs or are they more interested in property development than ale? Surely not!

Give tenants a fighting chance I say!! I have completed the consultation questionnaire and look forward to seeing the conclusions.

Regards

a pub customer for more years than I care to think about!

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