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I am a customer of many pubs. I am not in any part of the trade.

I am constantly seeing the effects of the pub tie, the limited selection of beers on sale, and the poverty of many publicans. The latter in particular is leading to constant changes of tenants; they arrive inexperienced but immensely enthusiastic about the job only to realise that the pubco holds all the cards, only to wish that they were employed because they would probably be better off as a pub manager on little more than the minimum wage.

It is so very noticeable that the all-round better pubs are Free houses. Our entire pub estate should be able to aspire to match the standards of the Free house. Under the present regime it is clear that this is not going to happen.

The tie is killing the trade and putting pubs out of business day by day week by week. This has to stop if we are to retain the pub as the centre of the community.

The pubcos went into this business as property owners. They should be restricted to property ownership - the tenants should be allowed to run their own business within the property without being tied to the pubco.

The questionnaire asks whether new controls should be limited to pubcos with more than 500 properties. This number should be reduced. Such control would be over the top for the small companies with just a few pubs but I do think that any pubcos getting over a dozen or so should be covered by the new rules.

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