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As a consumer who visits many heritage castles and stately homes at weekends, or just simply enjoy the countryside, I see, sadly, many pubs closed or closing down.

When going out for the day there is nothing more relaxing than to either take a break and have a light lunch or finish the day by visiting a traditional pub for an evening meal. Sadly, these are closing down or being replaced by pubs that are nothing more than a licensed cafe offering poor quality meals and cheap alcohol.

Pubs are a great British Tradition and the heart of the local community. It is important that we can offer visitors to this country a warm and welcoming traditional British pub, not outlets selling fast food and vast quantities of alcohol, with no local character or atmosphere, which is what Pubcos are offering.

Pubcos need to allow Landlords to manage pubs for the benefit of the community. They need to allow licensees to earn a reasonable living, paying a market rent and allowed to sell beers and food the customers want, not what the Pubcos tell what we should have.

Our most enjoyable visits to pubs are those run by family breweries or individually owned, all of which have retained their own unique individual character.

It is important that the Pubcos give the pubs back to the landlords.

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