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I live in south-east London and am a regular pub-goer with no commercial interest in the brewing industry or its retail establishments.

I welcome the Government's consideration of introducing legislation to prevent abuse of licensees by large pub companies.

It is only too apparent that these large companies are exploiting unfairly their strength in the industry, and forming what may be considered to be a cartel, to the disregard of the interest of consumers. This is not dissimilar to what has happened in recent years to the power supply situation, where now there are only six major companies who appear to work in unison to the same effect.

The importance of pubs in a social context cannot be overstated and I consider it most regrettable that pubs are now closing at an alarming rate throughout the United Kingdom. The Government's measures in the recent budget review, in removing the tax 'escalator' is a move in the right direction, but much more needs to be done, and the legislation referred to above would benefit the public at large very considerably.

I anticipate with a degree of optimism action as a result of the consultation.

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