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**From:** .....  
**Sent:** 13 June 2013 12:17  
**To:** Pubs Consultation Responses  
**Subject:** Business rates on independent pubs

Dear Sir,

The the business rates levied on small independent pubs are quite simply crippling, and penalise successful pubs. This is is a bizarre way of operating and as such has aided in the closures of many country pubs.

Minimum pricing on supermarket alcohol would also be a good idea.

It is my opinion that drinking in pubs is better for the community as it offers a peer review of people's drinking habits, and to an extent regulates people's behaviour.

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