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Dear Sirs

My grandfather was a publican for 35 years, myself I have run bars, worked in licensed premises and had my own pub. I have many friends who own pubs, and also I know a lot of people connected to the industry. Of course, the best scenario is if you have a freehold premises, but many of our much loved locals are not freehold and in situations where the pub is in a rural location they have a limited marketplace to draw from. High rents and tied cellar supplies can be crippling. Many landlords work very long hours, and have few holidays or days off, no breaks and work under conditions that many of us in our cosy 9 to 5 office jobs or 8 to 5 with overtime payments factory jobs would never accept.

It is unfair that the Pubcos seem to be able to command higher and higher rents, less and less attractive purchasing conditions, and hard working landlords who are loved by their customers, and are the reason many pubs remain open at all are increasingly working harder and harder for less and less reward, while the Pubcos get fatter and fatter without all the hassle of the frontline. I am calling for a fair and reasonable code of practise to ensure that these much loved members of our society, and these valuable social centres can maintain a presence.

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