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Having completed the Government's Pubco Reform Summary I noticed there was one issue that did not seem to be covered.

It is the issue of selling pubs that pubcos deem to be unprofitable.

Incidentally, I am writing as a consumer and have no direct link with the pub trade but it seems to me it is unfair that after years of exploiting tenants and making huge profits at the expense of the consumer the pubcos can turn around and sell the pub and cash in on the capital value of the pub potentially depriving the neighbourhood of a vital service. This is particularly relevant where pubs in isolated communities are concerned.

There should be an option available whereby if a pubco wants to close down a pub it should be offered for sale at the market rate for the property to interested parties who would continue running the pub as a freehouse.

This would include the option for individuals in the area to buy and run the pub as a collective.

I believe that just because pubcos deem that some pubs are no longer viable it is because of the financial structure of the tied system and that they can be run viably as a free house.

It is obvious that the pub trade is suffering because of the difference between the price of drink in the supermarket and the prices charged by pubs. However, if you remove the tied system and allow the landlords to buy in drink at a competitive price the difference between the two will narrow. You will then see people like myself using pubs more and buying drink in from supermarkets less.

Regards

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