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I am a regular pub-goer and know several pub licensees who have leases with large pub companies. The current situation is quite bizarre, someone can take over the lease on a rundown pub, turn it around, make it profitable and then the pub company increases the rent to remove all the profit.

In addition, most large pub company leases come with a tie on beer where the pub is charged far more than the market rate. I know of situations where a pub wants to buy beer off its nearest brewery who could deliver it direct, but have to buy it via the pub company and the beer travels for miles before it gets back to the pub!

Pub licensees who are running good community pubs are eventually deciding that they cannot make a living due to the pressure of increasing rents. Pubs that are viable businesses end up closing and get turned into flats or shops.

If legislation is brought forward that ensures fair rents and allows pubs to buy beer free of tie not only will this be fairer, it will help save pubs as a community resource.

Regards

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