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Dear Sir / Madam

I write as a local Councillor in Wakefield to give my full support to option 3 (copied below) of the consultation as I feel this would give our pub industry landlords the chance to run viable businesses. The way the industry as gone in recent years has been appalling and it is disgraceful how we are losing our pubs at the rate we do.

I therefore support the following option:

“Option 3: Mandatory free of tie option with open market rent review

All pub owning companies with over 500 pubs would have to offer a free of tie option with open market rent review. This would apply at the next rent review point for current leases and for all new leases. Each licensee would be able to choose to be either tied or free of tie. This is in addition to the statutory code and adjudicator from option 2.

The rent in the free of tie offer would have to be based on Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors guidance. This would ensure that there was a genuine free of tie option rather than one involving an unrealistically high free of tie rent.”

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