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I support

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."

Running a pub these days is becoming harder with increased financial pressures. I support the need for free houses where they do not have unacceptably high overheads. Many pubs are becoming just places where food is sold, and with no opportunity for people to have a drink and socialise with friends.

Councillor Margaret Morris

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