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Re: Option 3 of the Pub Company and Tenant Consultation

It was just after Christmas this year that my daughter and her fiance finally gave up their pub tenancy and moved in with his parents whilst they looked for another job. It had all started with such high hopes; the Pub Co had offered training which they had taken, along with many other young couples. On completion of training and after a short wait they were offered a pub that had stood empty for a little while; the Pub Co offered a reduced rent to help them get the business up and running. Even though they had to get all their drink from the Pub Co, the business started to pick up, but as the months ticked by it became clear that once the full rent became payable the pub would no longer be a viable proposition.

It is difficult to understand the Pub Co's business model; it seems to accept that pub tenants will fail to make a living and will eventually give up the tenancy as so many on the course my daughter attended did. It also accepts that some of it's Pubs will be closed for periods of time and that it will suffer loss of beer sales during this period.

Option three offers an opportunity for tenants to make a living from these pubs and a stop to the closure of so many pubs country wide.

Please support option 3.

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