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The Rt.Hon.David Cameron,MP.,
House of Commons,
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CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,

Subject: BINGE DRINKING PROBLEM.

I regret having to write to you direct, but it appears that you are determined to increase the price of cheaper alcohol, normally obtained in supermarkets, to cure the problem of 'binge drinking' and the nuisance caused by those responsible. With respect Sir, it will not work and will certainly do no favours for the Conservative Party in a coming election if votes continue to decrease. Another Coalition would be a disaster.

I am sorry, but I object to your proposed intention to increase the price per unit by 45p which is most unfair to responsible drinkers. In past days, I used my local pub for a drink at weekends and after work, but not every day in the latter instance. Thanks to past and the intended increases in taxes, pubs are beyond my pension on the aforementioned occasions because of the prices are too high. The possibility of yet another hike in tax (for the benefit of the Exchequer) will make a pub visit a very rare occasion. Also, because of constant increases in the tax on liquor, over 6000 pubs have closed down entirely. It does not take much imagination what this terrible loss to our English social life will be in the future.

Sir, please give the problem of 'binge drinking' more thought. May I suggest that those responsible suffer *very heavy* fines if arrested; that will reduce the amount of money they have to spend in the future and the fines could go toward financing the Police Service, or even some worthy charity.....or the Exchequer?