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Dear Mr Cable,

Pinner and Sons Limited is a family firm of builders, carpenters, joiners and plumbers, established in 1955. Our supply chain includes in excess of 50 men and women, made up of employees and subcontractors.

Pinner and Sons Limited have been working with Punch Taverns since 2004 and have enjoyed a very good business relationship with the Punch Taverns' team.

Punch Taverns own many public houses within our working catchment area. The partners of those establishments are trained to operate the public houses by Punch Taverns and many of those venues are very well managed and busy pubs. They bring employment to the local area and public houses are also important social hubs for many towns and villages.

Punch Taverns have a contract in place with Pinner and Sons Limited for the maintenance of their properties. The partner logs issues into an online system and, once approved, we carry out the necessary maintenance and repair work. If it is an emergency, the job can be logged to be completed within three hours, and we are contracted to attend and deal with that emergency within the timeframe.

This system works very efficiently and, in our opinion, Punch Taverns are taking their responsibility as property owners very seriously. These buildings are used by the general public and therefore must be maintained to a high standard. Punch Taverns ensure that they are.

If Punch Taverns were to be forced to 'downsize' their business, it would definitely have a negative effect on the trade of Pinner and Sons Limited. Due to the number of properties owned and maintained by Punch, a lot of work is required to maintain good standards. Should this work significantly reduce, it would most certainly result in less people being engaged to work for Pinner and Sons Ltd, and may even result in the loss of employees, in an industry which is already experiencing an economic downturn.

Pinner and Sons Limited offer their full support to Punch Taverns in relation to the ongoing consultation.

Yours sincerely,

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 Director

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