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FAO Vince Cable

Dear Sir

I am writing to you in connection with the consultation on the future of pubs

RDF Building is a family owned and run construction company based in Leeds, West Yorkshire. We have been in business since the early 1990's and over the years have been heavily involved in the leisure sector and in particular pubs. Within my business portfolio I own a pub and so feel particularly passionate about the subject

Since 2007 we have been in a 'partner contractor' relationship with Enterprise Inns, working as a nominated contractor for re-active and planned maintenance and capital expenditure projects in their Yorkshire operating region, comprising 100 pubs. Enterprise Inns invest over £10m per annum into their pub estate covering statutory compliance, re-active and planned maintenance and refurbishment projects. Currently Enterprise spend £10m per annum with our business which directly employs some 100 staff

RDF went through a stringent selection process in order to become a partner contractor. This included a full review of our training programme and auditing of our health and safety standards and working practices. As an on-going measure, all projects are audited for health and safety compliance. In addition we price our work to an agreed schedule of rates which ensures value for money is delivered across all work streams. The Enterprise ethos is "World Class Service". We deliver all of our work into the estate on this basis, liaising with publicans direct in order to ensure we carry out works with minimum disruption to their business and to a high level of safety and quality

As a company we are very proud of the work we do with Enterprise Inns, who have invested many millions in their Yorkshire estate in the years we have worked with them. Our recent projects have included the £10m refurbishment and re-opening of 100 pubs in Yorkshire; the £10m refurbishment of the 100 pubs in Yorkshire; the £10m refurbishment of the 100 pubs in Yorkshire; the soon

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to be completed c£ refurbishment of . It is difficult to see how publicans could make this necessary type of investment into their businesses without the support of Enterprise Inns

The impact of the global economic downturn on the construction industry is well documented

We are working hard to develop work from other sectors but the reality is that there are too many companies chasing too few opportunities. The loss of the Enterprise account at a time when there is a distinct shortage of other work would have a profound impact on our business and would be extremely detrimental to our local supply chain

Kind Regards

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