

Pub Consultation

Consumer & Competition Policy

DEPT. FOR BUSINESS, INNOVATION & SKILLS

3RD FLOOR, OLIVERA D.

1 VICTORIA STREET

WESTMINSTER

SW1E 0ET

2ND JUNE 2013.

To Whom it may concern.

I am writing to you as an experienced employee within the Pub Co sector with almost 20 years experience as either a licensee working with a pub Co or as of the last years working with Admiral Tavernier as a Business Development Manager. I wish to express my strongly felt concerns regarding the consultation you are embarking upon looking at the relationships between pub companies and their tenants.

Having been involved in this industry for some 20 years, I have seen the good and indeed the bad. Since the implementation of the IFC the change has been significant and in many ways, rightly so. My concerns however are that the IFC and self regulation have not been given appropriate time for the benefits to be recognised.

As I have already indicated I currently work for Admiral Tavernier proud winners

of the Publius & Morning Advertiser received a tenanted pub company of the Year Award. We have 105 tenanted & leased pubs with NOT one referral to either PCAS or PIRPs. The award we received was given following an independent market survey of our tenants and recommendation of us as a company. This is in marked contrast to some of the comments made in the consultation document which in my view contains many inaccuracies and is prejudicial towards the views of a relatively small but loyal minority.

Beyond the recommendation of a Statutory Code some of the other ideas would pose a real threat to the viability of some of our pubs and would change the relationship from one of mutually beneficial growth for both parties to that of a commercial landlord & tenant. This would not be in the best interests of our tenants or indeed the wider pub sector which has now struggled for a number of years due to ill advised interference over regulation and onerous taxation.

Yours Sincerely