

Re: Pub Companies and Tenants

I write in connection with the Government Consultation on the above and as an employee of Enterprise Inns

I would be very grateful if you would take the time to read my letter, and send me a response. For information I have worked in the pub industry for four different companies for so have a wide understanding of the business and how it works, my current role is with Enterprise Inns for .

The current consultation process causes me great concern as from the published foreword Dr Vince Cable appears to have already formed an opinion and having read the consultation document I am unclear as to how he reached an 'informed opinion' without gathering views from all stakeholders involved in this process and then feeling able to publish this view.

Yet again it would appear that despite the outcome of numerous previous OFT reviews the pubco's can become political sport simply because of a few minor but vocal pressure groups and of course a few MP's trying to build a career on the back of uninformed and unbalanced views of the pubco's.

Over the recent tough economic times the level of support offered by Enterprise Inns to our publicans has never been as great with training, marketing and financial support as well as capital investment to improve the offer to their customers. This along with the Enterprise Code of Practice has created a very transparent framework which enables the publican to be very clear on the workings of the business partnership.

As a member of the property department of Enterprise Inns I am very proud of what we have achieved in maintaining, adapting and enhancing the local pubs in which I work alongside some very good and some not so good publicans.

I simply ask that a fair and balanced view be offered on something that could affect so many hard working people who are only trying to build successful businesses.

Such regulation will prove to be extremely costly for a marketplace that cannot bear the additional burden, will bring little benefit to anybody and will inevitably lead to more pub closures, less investment and publican failures which does little to serve anybody.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, and I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

CC Dr Vince Cable