

Pub Consultation
Consumer & Competition Policy
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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as an experienced employer within the Pub Co. Sector who is compelled to write to you expressing my heartfelt concerns over the consultation you are embarking upon looking at the relationship between pub companies and their tenants.

I have been involved in this industry for the last 15 years, so have seen the good and the bad. Since the implementation of the L.F.C. the sea-change in the relationship has been immense and rightly so. My concern is that the L.F.C. and self regulation have not been given appropriate time to bed in and the positive aspects of self regulation have been drowned out by the vociferous and ill-informed minority, it is very easy to get a big headline with negative news.

I am currently employed by Admiral
Towers, proud winners of the Public & Morning
Advertisers leased and tenanted pub company of
the year award.

We have 1050 tenanted & leased pubs with
not one refusal to either PICAS or PIRAS.
The award was given after an independent
survey of our tenants recommended us as a
company to do business with. This is in marked
contrast to some of the assertions made in
the consultation document which in my view
contains many inaccuracies and is prejudiced
to words the views of a relatively small but
loud 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
sides to that of a commercial landlord &
tenant. I do not believe this would be
in the interests of our licensees or the wider
pub sector, which is already struggling under
the burdens of over regulation and excessive
taxation. Yours Sincerely