

As an employee of a pub in Cambridge, I see first hand the negative effects of being tied. A steady stream of tourists, students and people on business trips being disappointed that the beers we have on are not local or particularly interesting. Despite there being some fantastic local breweries, we have to sell what our pub co brews or what they choose to buy and the sell to us. Once in a while the rotation of beers that we can get in will turn up something we really like having on, when this happens it invariably gets snapped up quickly and we may end up with two barrels of a beer that we will not get again for another nine months! The ability to have one beer of our choice would be fantastic, we could bring in something different, something that would be a great selling point for our pub.

I don't want to have to send customers to another pub, but I'm proud of our fantastic brewing industry and if a visitor to our country is to have a chance to sample what we truly offer I don't have a choice.