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As someone who is fighting the recent closure and potential development of the last pub in the Parish of , I fully support this initiative.

There is no doubt in the minds of the community group trying to support the purchase of the pub from the brewery that it's closure was caused, to a large extent, by the tied system.

I would encourage you to consider ancillary but connected issues if at all possible:

- enshrine in law that the last pub in any community should automatically be listed as a Community Asset giving the Community Right to Bid
- allow communities a facility along the lines of a "Compulsory Purchase Order" to buy pubs at fair market prices for pubs - rather than development opportunities
- or if that is not viable specify a process for ascertaining the market price as a pub

I believe the planning laws for turning down change of use of pubs, especially the last ones, specify that it has to have been "actively marketed at a realistic price". The last point above is to give clarity as to how that is defined. Our pub is on the market at a price that is unlikely to attract anyone serious about keeping it going - view expressed by RICS qualified agent working for who specialise in pubs. We are having to offer more than that because I personally believe a speculator has already made them set the bar way too high.

Best regards

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