



## Department for Business, Innovation & Skills

### Pub companies and tenants - A government consultation

#### Response form

The consultation will begin on 22/04/2013 and will run for 8 weeks, closing on 14/06/2013

When responding please state whether you are responding as an individual or representing the views of an organisation. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please make it clear who the organisation represents by selecting the appropriate interest group on the consultation response form and, where applicable, how the views of members were assembled.

This response form can be returned to:

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Consumer and Competition Policy  
Department for Business, Innovation and Skills  
3rd Floor, Orchard 2  
1 Victoria Street  
Westminster  
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Email: [pubs.consultation@bis.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:pubs.consultation@bis.gsi.gov.uk)

Please tick one box from a list of options that best describes you as a respondent. This will enable views to be presented by group type.

Representative Organisation

Trade Union

Interest Group x *Public House - Tied to Enterprise Inn.*

Small to Medium Enterprise

Large Enterprise

Local Government

Central Government

Legal

Academic

Other (please describe):

The Department may, in accordance with the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information, make available, on public request, individual responses.

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From :

Owned by Enterprise Inns.

Q1. Yes there needs to be a statutory code.

Q2. Agree.

Q3. Agree.

Q4. N/A

Q5. The proposals would stop us being a loss making business. We, the leases cannot put any more of our own money to keep the pub going. Enterprise give us nothing, and take away a lot. Ours is an old building in that requires up keep, which we currently cannot do, let alone struggle to maintain. By keeping the pub open we can continue to employ staff, contribute to the local community, pay tax ,...currently Enterprise overcharge us on beer and rent so we cannot do the above mentioned. ...3 very important issues. Supporting evidence is our last 2 years reports and accounts submitted to Companies House. Happy to forward these should you ask.

Q6 . Self regulation only works in part. Clearly self regulation by the Pub Cos is a smoke screen for greed and self-interest with no concern for staff welfare, taxes or the community. With so many interests in the drinks/pub industry self-regulation becomes difficult.

Our recent rent review with Enterprise was a sham, with Enterprise using there own 'made up' turnover figures (!) rather than actual ones reported to companies house. We cannot afford to go to PIRRS, and have been told it is not independant anyway.

Q7. Fully agree.

Q8. A) Agree. B)Agree. C)Agree. D)Agree. E)Agree.

Q9. No.

Q10. Agree.

Q11. Yes.

Q12. The enforcement of 'being no worse off' is key . Knowing Enterprise Inns as we do , they will wriggle and worm not to conform. Therefore the independant adjudicator becomes crucial . His competence , strength and powers must be complete. Should the large pub cos be fined if there are seen not to be allowing us to be 'no worse off'? ie not allowing us access to proper market prices for beer and rent.

Q13.Yes, if this does not happen ,then the new code will fall over. The large pub cos only have interest to service their debts and pay their main Board handsomely, they must be challenged.

Q14. Yes and yes.

Q15. Yes

Q16, yes , but re-iterate his independence is crucial, as is his powers and commitment.

Q17. Yes, we would be very happy to pay a levy. By paying market prices for beer and market rents we can invest in the business, improve it, make a profit and thus pay our way in society . Currently we cannot do this.

(Manager)

(Leasee)