

All Our Bars Limited response to the CMA's Provisional Findings

Dear Sirs

We read with dismay the intended decision regarding Amazon's injection and ownership of Deliveroo.

1. We understand Deliveroo's issues with closed restaurants during the COVID crisis. However, they have access to government support schemes in the same way as every other business in the UK and therefore this alone cannot remain a reason for permitting the Amazon investment.
2. Deliveroo may have issues but Amazon's position is even stronger as it is one of the few ways to actually get goods that could ordinarily be bought in the now closed retail shops. Their dominance in the retail world is enhanced and must be considered in this decision which would further strengthen their market dominance.
3. Deliveroo have been a major part of the destruction of the restaurant industry and the demise of high streets. Their service has taken revenue from brick & mortar businesses much like Amazon and they did this without a care. Their charges were exorbitant and I cannot see Amazon being any less aggressive. To now permit them to be bailed out, when so many other businesses have fallen by the wayside as a result of their actions, seems improper.

If they have issues with finance, then they should take the routes that the bricks & mortar retailers have had to take and you should not allow Amazon to take dominance in one of the last areas where they do not pervade.

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