# Invitation to contribute views and evidence to the statutory review of the Pubs Code and the Pubs Code Adjudicator

## For the period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2022

# Response form

The consultation is available at: [www.gov.uk/government/consultations/pubs-code-and-pubs-code-adjudicator-invitation-for-views-on-the-second-statutory-review-2019-to-2022](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/pubs-code-and-pubs-code-adjudicator-invitation-for-views-on-the-second-statutory-review-2019-to-2022)

The closing date for responses is 17 August 2022

Please email completed forms to pubscodereview@beis.gov.uk

Or send by post to:

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Comments: Click here to enter text.

## About You

Name:
Organisation (if applicable):
Address:

|  | Respondent type |
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|[ ]  Tied pub tenant |
|[ ]  Non-tied pub tenant (please indicate, if you have previously been a tied pub tenant and when) |
|[ ]  Pub-owning businesses with 500 or more tied pubs in England and Wales |
|[ ]  Other pub-owning companies (please describe, including number of tied pubs in England and Wales) |
|[ ]  Tenant representative group |
|[ ]  Trade association |
|[ ]  Consumer group |
| [ ]  | Business representative organisation/trade body |
|[ ]  Charity or social enterprise |
|[ ]  Individual |
|[ ]  Legal representative |
|[ ]  Consultant/adviser |
|[ ]  Trade union or staff association |
|[ ]  Surveyor |
|[ ]  Arbitrator |
|[ ]  Other (please describe) |

## Review questions

***Part A: The Pubs Code***

Question 1

How well do you think the Pubs Code has operated between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2022? Please provide any evidence you have to support your view.

Comments: Click here to enter text.

Question 2

To what extent do you think the Pubs Code is consistent with the principle of fair and lawful dealing by pub-owning businesses in relation to their tied pub tenants? Please provide any evidence you have to support your view.

Comments: Click here to enter text.

Question 3

To what extent do you think the Pubs Code is consistent with the principle that tied pub tenants should not be worse off than they would be if they were not subject to any product or service tie? Please provide any evidence you have to support your view.

Comments: Click here to enter text.

***Part B: The Pubs Code Adjudicator***

Question 4

How effective do you think the Pubs Code Adjudicator has been between 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2022 in discharging its functions in relation to the Pubs Code? Please comment in particular on the PCA’s performance in undertaking the following:

1. giving advice and guidance;
2. investigating non-compliance with the Pubs Code;
3. enforcing the Code where non-compliance is found; and
4. arbitrating disputes under the Pubs Code.

Comments: Click here to enter text.

*Part C: Pubs Code (Fees, Costs and Financial Penalties) Regulations*

Question 5

Do you think the regulations relating to costs, fees and financial penalties remain appropriate or should these be adjusted? Please give the reason(s) for your answer and, if you believe these regulations should be amended, please set out how.

Comments: Click here to enter text.

Thank you for taking the time to let us have your views.

At BEIS we carry out our research on many different topics and consultations. As your views are valuable to us, would it be okay if we were to contact you again from time to time either for research or to send through consultation documents?

[ ] Yes [ ] No