

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 November 2012 13:53
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Alcohol Consultation
Subject: RE: Alcohol pricing

[REDACTED]

Many thanks for your email and for outlining your views so clearly. There is nothing you say that I disagree with.

Today marks the first day of 10 weeks of consultation on this matter by the Home Office. I have therefore copied the relevant Home Office team into this email to ensure your considered thoughts are taken on board.

Thank you again for getting in touch.

Best wishes

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Sent: 28 November 2012 13:30
[REDACTED]
Subject: Alcohol pricing

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Following the announcement that your government wishes to consult us on their idea for a minimum price of alcohol, can I give my views.

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[REDACTED] I don't know whether you are an Aldi shopper too but I'm sure you would enjoy it too. However, I believe that the proposed minimum price would raise the cost of this by around 40%. And yet I do not cause any anti-social behaviour. The idea of making me suffer for the problems caused by an entirely different demographic seems frankly disturbing to me.

In fact I don't even believe that the group you ostensibly seek to target comprises wine abusers. Perhaps your government could examine the possibility of differentiating between different sorts of drink.? After all, the taxation system already treats them differently.

[REDACTED] the occasional bottle of wine I bought then was much dearer in real terms (perhaps three times as much) but the fall in price has not resulted in any great rise in anti-social behaviour amongst wine drinkers. I think this alone demonstrates that minimum pricing is a fallacy. Furthermore, the real price of beer in a pub has perhaps doubled in that time and reports suggest that this is a major reason for excessive drinking away from licensed premises.

Please take note of these views and convey them to the appropriate body.

Many thanks,

