

The proposed increase in price will penalise the responsible drinkers, who are the majority, for the actions of the few irresponsible drinkers.

Moreover the evidence for the benefits of a minimum price are poor.

Home office study: "The likely impacts of increasing alcohol price: a summary review of the evidence base."

#### Conclusions

"on balance the international evidence base suggests that policies designed to increase the price of alcohol may be effective in reducing the harms caused by alcohol. However, alcohol price is only one factor that may affect levels of alcohol consumption, with individual, cultural, situational and social factors also influential."

Note the phrase "may be effective"

This conclusion conflicts with the statement attributed to Damian Green

Yesterday Damian Green, the Home Office minister, said the "evidence is clear" that cheap alcohol was leading to harmful levels of drinking.

As such I object to the proposed increase as the evidence does not support the proposed increase and is unfair to responsible drinkers.