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- I'm a lease holder of a pub of Enterprise Inns and I've been trading for months.
- Over the last months, I've been struggling to make any profit as Enterprise has been charge me on average 35% to 45% over the open market prices on drinks. I've been losing thousands of pounds every month. Yet they keep putting their prices up every year!
- On average, I'm paying over 50p a pint more than I should if I was able to buy the drinks from the open market. My business break-even sales would have been a lot lower and achievable if I was able to pay the open market prices.
- We're not asking Government to abolish the tie (although it would also be a great idea), we just want it to work fairly. Pubcos have had almost 10 years to get their house in order but self regulation has failed so it's time for a **statutory (legally binding) Code of Practice for pubcos.**
- Large pub companies take more than is fair or sustainable from pub profits so licensees are struggling to make a fair living. To stop the large pubcos charging excessive rents and high beer prices, we must ensure that **tied licensees are no worse off than free of tie licensees** should be at the heart of the Code.
- It's vital that there's a system in place to ensure pubcos stick to these new rules – so the Code should be underpinned with a **powerful new independent adjudicator** that should have the power to arbitrate disputes, investigate breaches and impose financial penalties on pubcos that break the rules.

Regards,

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