

Dear Government consultation:

First of all I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We can't include everything in this letter as there is far too much but I can give you a little of what we are going through.

and I took on a lease with [pub co] ago, it was only a short lease (Ending but we had every intension of renewing. We have now decided against this for the following factors which we feel you may take an interest in.

months ago we were told [pub co] want to now we were aware they could do this but we were not told they already had plans drawn up a year before to and which we own under lease terms. We were not told at any time that [pub co] had planned this before we took lease on. We would not of taken the lease on if we had been told of their plans.

After a few meetings we were verbally told that new lease would not have a clause to say we had to let them We carried on as normal updating pub redecorating buying new fittings and basically bringing the pub into a perfect state of repair. All in all we have spent over £20,000 on this pub.

Furthermore [pub co] have charged us to make a claim for the damage the pub received It took 2 weeks for them to give in to making the claim after telling us it was not there responsibility even though our lease states that it is. It's now and the rebuilding is still ongoing. This really shook the local community and are very annoyed that [pub co] will be making even more dangerous.

With the [pub co] have said they will pay us compensation as we won't renew the lease with them, also having spent a considerable amount of money building our business up. The mention of value of business was discussed as compensation roughly in total. Enterprise are now trying to get out of paying any compensation by suggesting random clauses that do not exist.

the pub has been trading under [pub co] ownership for years.

One week passed after the meeting and a representative from [pub co] came to the pub to do a dilapidation report. We feel this was very strange as we have only been here We allowed the representative to do his report. We received this report back 3 days later. Full price of all work that needs doing adds up to (Compensation quoted at: I'm not the first to say that this figure is convenient.

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. A few points made out in this report were also on the dilapidations report that the last lease holder had which was signed off as complete by the buildings manager for [pub co] . If this was signed as complete why have we been given the task to fix the same problems. We have been given a quote to replace the signage for pub which we were told but our area manager (who put the problem to the buildings manager) they are not in need of doing and if they need changing [pub co] will do using there signage scheme this was discussed before the report was done . The day of the visit of the dilapidations inspector, he left with half an A4 page of repairs yet we received one that was pages in total

I'm sure you aware of the high prices of products we have to buy from them. Fully tied. But we are disgusted with them for charging the prices they do as we are fully tied .And rent is top of the range. I and love this pub but we won't be here in we worked out that we work together for a sum of £-0.75p an hour each. We have a child who needs clothing etc. etc. We don't claim any tax credits or any government funding We don't have any staff as we can't afford to employ them. We are a village pub and we are suffering with the free hold and free of tie pubs around us who are cheaper than us. Because they are not being fleeced by a pub co and when it comes down to it no matter what pub companies say village customers put price before product.

If we had a free of tie option we could give our customers what they crave and that's great beer and ale at prices they find satisfactory. With fair rent we could use money we have saved on entertainment and establish a local place for people to have a better and rewarding way of life. This should not be just limited to companies with 500 or more public houses, there is nothing stopping pub companies splitting there properties into many different named holdings. (Punch currently has over 50 companies registered with company houses) At the moment our prices come across as we don't care about that, we just want money but 90% of pub going people don't understand the high price we pay as a tied pub and that we work for £0.75 p an hour

I am joined in this debate with a large select group of lease holders for are with [Pub Companies] and I'm a member of FDFYL. Our pub is not the worst hit pubs out there and there are some truly bad stories out there. We have our health and our home away from our pub. But I feel something drastic has to be done to stop [pub co] ruining peoples life's with their and back stabbing. They are worse than the mafia but unlike the mafia [pub co] offer us no protection.

We would love to be more involved with the planned rallies across the UK but like so many lease holders we cannot afford any staff to cover us. We work from 7am to 1 am every day to keep our doors open. My family work so hard here and do our best with what little trade these high prices and rules pub companies force us to set have made available. Sadly our little voices have no affect with [pub co] maybe the government can help us out a little here.

Our lease ends on , however [pub co] are forcing us to stay until because of the letter they sent from solicitor's states we must be given 6 months'

notice , so to make it legal they have changed our lease end date to . Surely this is wrong and our solicitor is going to fix this for us but having to pay them for their time is another drain on our limited funds we have. It seems if we want to leave [~~pub to~~] want to bankrupt us so we cannot seek a business away from them. We do try and talk to our area manger about these problems but all we get is voice mail or he's on holiday, if we call the main switch board they tell us to take up with area manager.

These pub companies are killing the local pub community need they need taken down a peg or 2 we pay their £ salary and their helicopters, but they still take everything they can.

Sincerely,

Lease Holder