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Dear sirs,

I accept that there are moves necessary to help tenants etc; but where does this leave the independent Free Hold Landlord such as myself.

The current predicament that most pub owners and tenants are in would not necessarily have come about if the Monopolies and Mergers Commission had not intervened so aggressively in the first place. Along with draconian licensing changes and VAT set at a level never before seen in the UK this particular trade struggles to maintain a position in the market. Supermarket sales are also making a mockery of each successive Government's bid to curb binge drinking.

How can it possibly be a fair market when a member of the public can buy a bottle of beer in a supermarket cheaper than a Free trader, such as myself, can buy it direct from the brewer and still expect to make a profit?

I would be more than happy to sit with any committee of appointed council to discuss the particular issues I have only scratched on.

Kind regards

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