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I would like to comment on the pub companies and tenants consultation currently being discussed in parliament, I have had a lease with Punch Taverns for close to five years and would like emphasise the support they have shown us during that period.

In what can only be described as a very difficult economic climate Punch Taverns have been very open to our concerns regarding our business, we approached our BRM to express our view that our annual rent was too high in relation to current turnover and also suggested that this could be due to the condition of the building itself, in response the rent was lowered substantially while discussions were taking place, Punch agreed an investment and works went ahead as discussed and after completion the rent was re-adjusted to a level that reflected not only the works carried out but also took into consideration the current and projected trading levels.

I would like to add that our main concerns primarily lie with government policy, which have a crippling effect on the small business community, especially within the licensed trade which is clearly evident looking at the amount of closures in recent times. Tax increases, Beer Duty (which is higher than most of the EU), Business Rates and a seemingly blind response to supermarkets selling alcohol at prices that simply cannot be competed with all have more effect on our businesses than a pub co's policies.

In closing I would like to say that we are very happy with our relationship with Punch Taverns and find their support more than adequate.

Regards