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Re: Government Consultation Pub Companies and Tenants April 2013

To whom it may concern,

I have been a pub landlord for approximately 5 years and during this time I have run two pubs through private landlords and my current one with Punch Taverns. In my experience my two previous pubs would have run much better if they had been businesses with a PubCo landlord.

The price I pay for my beer is slightly higher than from the cash and carry but the level of support I get far out weighs this cost for my business. I think that you could run around forever trying to save £5 here and there but this doesn't necessarily help the business long term. Examples of things that benefit me are;

- I wouldn't be able to have a pub without the support of a PubCo. As a previous bankrupt no private landlord would have touched me with a barge pole. However, after several meetings with Punch they agreed to let me have it and helped me financially into the business.
- The support has continued at every level including; day to day advice on the business, helped me understand/control the financials of my business, marketing with leaflets, posters & menus and advice on any concerns I have. It has proven to be invaluable to me despite my previous experience in the trade.
- Roadshows are really good and feature useful information and advice.
- Punch really help when it comes to dealing with other companies within the industry.

I think that successive Governments have proven through legislation that they do not understand the industry and I'm not sure that they even care about the landlords. I am more than happy with how Punch operates and do not think that Government interference would benefit me or my customers.

Yours sincerely