

# Proposed Tied Pubs (Code and Adjudicator) (Scotland) Bill

## Page 2: About you

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

an individual

Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose "Member of the public".)

Member of the Public

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

Commercial organisation (company, business)

Please choose one of the following; if you choose the first option, please provide your name or the name of your organisation as you wish it to be published.

I would like this response to be anonymous (the response may be published, but no name)

Please provide your name or the name of your organisation

Please provide a way in which we can contact you if there are queries regarding your response. Email is preferred but you can also provide a postal address or phone number. We will not publish these details.

Q1. 1. Which of the following best expresses your view of establishing a statutory Scottish Pubs Code and Scottish Pubs Code Adjudicator? Please explain the reasons for your response.

Fully supportive

**Comments:**

I don't consider it fair or just that we have to be tied through contract to have to buy certain types of alcohol for example kegs of beer / bottle beer and cider. which is more expensive than spirits which is how our contract operates. it costs too much to continuously buy from them, sell the alcohol at a reasonable price and still make money. its almost impossible to make a profit. from the moment we order for a week worth

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of alcohol the cost can be anywhere from 1500 to 2000 pounds, then we have to sell it at an inflated price because that's there rates and we still have to tick by. this then creates an issue with customers who believe the prices are too steep which I'm inclined to agree with, but there's isn't a choice if we sold it at a lesser price we would loose money. I believe we should be able to get our alcohol from whoever we choose rather than being cornered into making money for the companies that owns the building.

Q2. 2. Could the aims of this proposal be better delivered in another way (without a Bill in the Scottish Parliament)?

No

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

taking it to parliament will send a message that cannot be ignored.

Q3. 3. What do you think would be the main advantages, if any, of establishing a statutory Scottish Pubs Code and Adjudicator?

allow us as a company to pick were we buy from at different price ranges, meaning we don't get stuck with the same ridiculous prices the breweries can keep raising knowing we have to buy from them or we receive a fine from getting alcohol from other business.

Q4. 4. What do you think would be the main disadvantages, if any, of establishing a statutory Scottish Pubs Code and Adjudicator?

from what I have read about it so far I haven't found any disadvantages

Q5. 5. Which of the following best expresses your view of establishing a Market Rent Only option for tenants as part of a Scottish Pubs Code?

Fully supportive

Q6. 6. What do you think of the proposed contents of the Bill and the Code, and the scope of the Adjudicator's powers, as detailed on pages 17-18 of the consultation document?

*No Response*

Q7. 7. Which of the following best expresses your view of the Scottish Pubs Code Adjudicator being able to impose financial penalties for breaches of the Code?

Neutral (neither support nor oppose)

Q8. 8. In terms of who the Scottish Pubs Code, and Market Rent Only option, should apply to, which of the following best expresses your view? If you choose option (a) you will automatically be taken to question 10. If you choose (b) or (c) you will automatically be taken to question 9.

(a) The Scottish Pubs Code - including the Market Rent Only option - should apply to all tied pubs in Scotland

Q9. 9. How should larger pubcos be defined (e.g. by size of turnover, number of tied pubs owned in Scotland (if so, how many, etc.))?

*No Response*

## Page 17: Financial implications

Q10. 10. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have on:

	Significant increase in cost	Some increase in cost	Broadly cost-neutral	Some reduction in cost	Significant reduction in cost	Unsure
(a) the pub companies which own tied pubs (Pubcos)					X	
(b) Tied-pub tenants			X			
(c) Tied-pub customers					X	

Q11. 11. How do you think the associated costs of the proposal (predominantly the establishment and on-going running costs of a Scottish Pub Code Adjudicator) should be funded?

*No Response*

## Page 19: Equalities

Q12. 12. What overall impact is the proposed Bill likely to have on equality, taking account of the following protected characteristics (under the Equality Act 2010): age, disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief, sex, sexual orientation?

Neutral (neither positive nor negative)

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

I don't see how any of those 'characteristics' have relevance.

Q13. 13. In what ways could any negative impact of the Bill on any of the protected characteristics be minimised or avoided?

It shouldn't affect any.

## Page 21: Sustainability of the Proposal

Q14. 14. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably, i.e. without having future disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impacts?

Yes

## Page 22: General

Q15. 15. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal?

*No Response*