

# 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

*No Response*

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 am content for this response to be attributed to me or my organisation

Please provide your name or the name of your organisation

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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.

Partially supportive

**Comments:**

Support a fair deal for all who run pubs.

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.**

Very big corporate interests who undercut smaller businesses. I should think legal protection might be necessary.

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

Ensuring fair practice . Promoting free pubs. Encouraging diversity in styles of pubs. Problem solving issues. Promoting inclusive drinking environments.

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

Dont know enough about subject to comment.

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?

Partially supportive

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Uncertain of my knowledge but if rents very high then would support Market Rent.

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

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.

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

I would like to see more independent pubs.

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                     |                      |                        |                               |        |

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

We need to fund far more Drying Out facilities for those with a drink problem. Our pubs owned by larger companies appear to offer high %alcohol at lower prices in an increasingly poor identikit environment. We nresponsencourage families drinking together responsibly in an inclusive place that does not assume bad behaviour. I like the "Swedish" bars in Edinburgh. Also The Safari Lounge is a great example of an old pub being saved and reinvented. Many people must lament the closure of their peoplein recent years . A welcoming place can include all .

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?

Income Taxation

## 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?

Positive

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

We need to help people who want to take on a pub to thrive. I would like to see the end of lap dancing and striptease in licenced premises. I dont think there should be alcohol access in any workplace including the Scottish Govt or Councils.

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

Dont licence gender places seeking a narrow clientele.  
Think carefully if there is excluding characteristics and if they are deliberate e.g. workplace or accidental e.g. old buildings with problems in attempts to ease physical access.

## 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?

Unsure

## Page 22: General

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

Sounds good but not studied Bill very thoroughly.  
I would like to see more independent pubs. Pubs can be natural places to come together and should offer more interesting non alcoholic drinks beside wine beer spirits. They should be friendly and welcoming but also diverse. They should not be able to exclude children. This is currently variable and unpredictable customers with a range of ages in their family are locked out very sadly. It is the wrong message.  
Good luck.