



# Ten Points to Save Pubs

## #10PointstoSavePubs

Our beloved pubs are at risk and our hardworking publicans are struggling, with three months of lost trade, ongoing costs, and in some cases outrageous demands for rent. Trade is going to be restricted for all pubs for some time, and will be difficult, and in some cases impossible, for many much-loved community locals.

These are **#10PointstoSavePubs**. Please support pubs NOW!

1. A **definite date for opening NOW!** (by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June)
2. **Social distancing of 1 metre** - not 2 metres (or most pubs simply cannot open)
3. **Clear full guidance for pubs and insurance companies to be issued by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – pubs need real clarity about any physical infrastructure requirements and also about specific responsibilities and liability issues, so that they can be properly insured under fair policies, which will and must be honoured
4. **Relaxation of licensing restrictions** where extra spaces would help smaller pubs operate more viably and safely
5. A **strong mandatory Covid-19 rent code of conduct** including a **statutory right to a rent review** for all pub tenants
6. A **rent-free period for all pubs** and an **extended period of protection from landlords** if rent cannot be paid
7. **Continued financial support for staff** - extended fully-paid furlough where pubs are unable to viably/safely trade due to continued Government restrictions
8. **VAT to 5% for at least 12 months** - the only sensible way to help with reduced margins, as any price increases would reduce trade even further
9. **Business rates reform** - announced now and implemented in April 2021 – and rates relief for all pubs until a reformed system comes in
10. A **12-month ban on all change of use for pubs** - pubs need protection in the planning system now even more than ever

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