



Campaign for Pubs Budget Submission 2023

Campaign for Pubs – Budget Submission 2023 summary

We urge the Government to take decisive action to support and save many pubs and small breweries struggling due to the cost-of-living crisis.

Already a significant number of pub businesses have closed and the small brewing sector has seen over 85 independent breweries close.

The Government says that it “cannot afford” any more support to help businesses through this crisis. Surely the UK cannot afford for the Government to NOT provide support, to prevent the loss of tens of thousands of small businesses with the huge loss in employment, tax and the cost of benefits.

Current Government support is simply inadequate and the survival of many pub businesses and small brewers now depends upon decisive and properly targeted Government action focused on the small businesses that urgently need it, rather than huge multinational chains that do not.

We therefore urge the Chancellor to introduce in Budget 2023:

- Continued support for energy bills for small businesses.
- VAT of 5% on all hospitality/on-trade sales for 12 months to benefit all pubs, not just those that sell food or provide overnight accommodation, but also important smaller wet-led community-orientated pubs
- Reduce the Flat Rate for VAT
- Extension of zero business rates for the next fiscal year and a revision for 2023/24
- Extend business rates relief to small brewers and producers

We urge the Chancellor and the Government to address the very serious situation and deliver a package of direct and targeted support that will enable pubs and small brewers to get through this cost-of-living crisis.

The future of some pubs and small breweries depends on it – please protect our pub culture and our diverse brewing scene.

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