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Business Rates Statement

Without the reduction of business rates during the pandemic - We would not still be here!

It was a deal breaker.... Sound dramatic?

More dramatic- if we don't get any further reduction for at least the rest of 2022 - we won't be here next year either, we face that same fate if the costs keep rising.

In the first quarter of 2022 alone we as publicans face a utilities cost increase that alone could cripple us, almost 60p increase to minimum wage per hour , rising food costs, a beer increase averaging 30p a pint , VAT on food returning to 20% and on top of that it's Business Rates too.

In my 3 pubs, in a normal year I contribute £60000 to business rates.

This coming year how we are going to face that after the December we had ? Bookings and cancellations through the roof, we will be recovering from that for at least 3 months and then being hit with everything else.....

We are going to lose more pubs in this country and the sad thing is that all the main increases our Government can help us - themselves , it's in their control....

They can save us, but the question is will they?

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