

I have a GK lease at my pub in Highgate, when I took the lease on in 2007 the site was taking a fraction of what it currently takes. Over the last 15 years I have built the business up. I have not made the site bigger or built rooms etc. I have traded out of the same space as the previous tenant.

In 2010 my business rates were a rateable value of £44,000, in 2017 that jumped to £123,000. The only thing that has changed is my turnover. I massively over trade this site and work hard to make it successful.

I feel my success is just penalised in the form of paying more business rates. I have done the maths and If I was trading a "restaurant" my rates would be half of what they currently are.

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The Red Lion & Sun Public House
Highgate Village