

The system of working out Business Rates for the hospitality industry is utterly unfit for purpose. The contribution to the Business Rates coffers of the hospitality industry is wildly disproportionate to other industries with regard to net-profitability. This has been going on for far too long and is crippling an industry which is critical to the economy of the UK.

The contributory discrepancy between licensed premises and off licensed premises such as supermarkets is grossly out of kilter. Licensed premises are facing increases in every part of their business; food costs, drinks cost, energy costs, staff costs, re-introduction of 20% VAT: we really need some help with what is just a tax on turnover, without any recourse to profit.

As an example. we pay over £52k per year Business Rates and still have to pay over £10k a year for rubbish and recycling; it is wrong and unfair.

Pete Rollinson
Saracens Head Inn
Symonds Yat East