

The reasons pubs are still closing are manifold but in my opinion they are.

1. Preferential UBR for big business leaving single buildings like pubs paying far more 'per square foot of trading area.
2. Domestic rates paid in THE SAME BUILDING
3. Commercial payment for refuse collection (but no domestic collection although paid for in domestic rates)
4. Pub Co extortionate rents, due to their un sustainable business plan.
5. Extortionate prices for beers charged by PubCos as 4. ( a firmin of standard ale dire t from a brewer is around a £80, same beer from a PubCo £160.
- 6 Preferential prices brewers give to supermarkets ( it would be cheaper, if it were viable) for a publican to buy 100 litres of eg Fosters, from eg ASDA, & decant from 1/2 litre cans into a 100litre keg, re gas & sell than buying from the same brewer, in 100 litre keg.
7. Staff wages, Supermarket staff wages are made up by HMG providing Tax Credits to underpaid staff thus subsidising their profit margin & allowing alcohol to be sold at 'cheaper than cost' price, something no pubs can ever do
8. Ghetto living. Many places where there were busy profitable pubs are now areas where the population is made up entirely of non-drinkers, because of their religion. Open borders & uncontrolled immigration to blame for that.
- 9 . UK Beer & Alcohol tax; in the UK we consume 7% of the beer produced in the EU but our exchequer collects 40% of all beer alcohol taxes of the EU.
10. Poor to abysmal late night public transport since drinking & driving is not good, staying in an hostelry late at night is no longer an option
11. Smoking in Pubs, in an effort to save the lives of pub staff, the law has killed off the pleasures of having a cigarette or cigar with a pint. A pub is the licences home, if the licensee & staff are OK with customers smoking, why not allow it..

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