

## **Comments to BBC You & Yours – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

A Heineken spokesperson commented:

“We know some licensees have detailed questions and we look forward to addressing these after the deal completes which we expect before the end of the first half of 2017. In the meantime licensees should be reassured that we will start with what is right for each of the pubs joining us and work together with licensees to ensure they have the right drinks on offer to suit the specific needs of each pub. Punch's publicans' leases will continue as before, and they will benefit from the ability to stock drinks from a wide range of drinks suppliers, together with the rights afforded to them by the Pubs Code Regulations.

We have a shared interest in working constructively with licensees to grow our businesses together, and we have no intention of imposing blanket conditions on them which are detrimental to that shared aim. We also intend to work with SIBA (Society of Independent Brewers) to ensure that tenants continue to have access to a wide range of quality beers from small, independent breweries.”

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