

ALMR Press Notice

Thursday 22 October 2009.

OFT DUCKS – AGAIN!

The Association of Licensed Multiple Retailers is very disappointed by today's news that the OFT will take no further action in the Campaign for Real Ale's SuperComplaint. The OFT says it "*has not found evidence that supply ties are resulting in competition problems that are having an adverse impact on consumers.*"

In an early response to the news, *ALMR* Chief Executive, Nick Bish, said: "We believe that Camra made a good case for OFT to conduct its own thorough study into the impact on consumers of supply deals in the pub sector and regret very much that it has decided not to do so".

He continued, "While we remain concerned about the delay and uncertainty of a full Competition Commission Inquiry we know that there is much to be done to clarify the issues surrounding leases and supply agreements and we will be working with RICS and our colleagues in the Independent Pub Confederation to achieve a better, fairer tied lease model in our industry".

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Notes for editors

- *ALMR* is the only national trade body solely dedicated to representing the interests of pub and bar operators, and to providing them with business support and advice. It has almost 100 member companies, operating over 10,000 outlets.
- The *ALMR* is a member of the Independent Pub Confederation[IPC]

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