



The Isle of Wight branch of the
Campaign for Real Ale

Preserving and promoting good beer and pubs!

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Dear

Today I am writing to all prospective Parliamentary candidates as Chairman the Isle of Wight branch of CAMRA (the Campaign for Real Ale); ranked as the world's most successful consumer campaign.

CAMRA has over 169,000 members (more than the Conservative Party - 149,000 and the Liberal Democratic Party - 44,000 and nearly as many members as the Labour Party - 190,000). To help our members decide who to vote for, I would be grateful if you would answer the following questions (the responses to which, will be published on our website – www.wightwash.org.uk – and circulated to our membership):-

1. What is your opinion on the value of well-run pubs to the community?
2. Bearing in mind people have been drinking alcohol for over four thousand years (to the best of our knowledge), do you consider the best place to drink alcohol is in the environment of a well-run pub?
3. What is your opinion in the disproportionate differential between the grocery (supermarkets) and pub trade in their costs and charges for beer and alcohol, and what, if anything, do you propose to do about it?
4. What is your opinion on the current drink-drive limit, and how do you intend to act on proposals to reduce it?
5. Do you think that there is a problem with rural transport, particularly getting to and from pubs, and how would you propose to address it?
6. Do you agree that pubs should be able to run their own private transport services solely to get their customer to and from their pubs without inhibition of special licence?
7. Are you supportive of the proposed legislation regarding “tied leases”?

I would be pleased to receive your response either by post or email. My contact details are at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

John Nicholson
Chairman, IW CAMRA