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Department: **Planning**
Title: **Planning and pubs**
Description: **Viability checklist for pub change of use**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

Can you please confirm if your department currently has a written viability checklist or test, to use when pub companies request change of use through lack of viability on a public house, in order to validate or reject their claim of lack of viability.

If you do use a check list or test can you, please tell me if it is an internal document or if it was obtained from another source and if it was where it came from.

Finally, would you be interested in an up to date viability test which has been updated to take into account the current market conditions and the new Covid-19 world the hospitality sector is operating under. The checklist/test would be completely free and is endorsed by both the forum of British pubs and CAMRA.

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

The Council does not have a written viability checklist/test for use in these circumstances.

We would be interested in seeing a copy of the free up to date viability test which you are offering.

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

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