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Subject: Re: smoking ban in uk...

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I don't know if your laws are similar to ours on these subjects, but two things came to mind while I was reading this:

(also, just for the records, I'm a nonsmoker)

(1) It's a health issue. It'd be one thing to prohibit wearing red socks with purple boots (lol?) but I see it as a valid health concern as statistics show 2nd hand smoke is worse for a person than 1st hand. That being said,

(2) If establishments were given the control on who to allow and who to disallow it would be a discrimination issue.

Personally, I feel that if you want to smoke that is your right and I have absolutely no complaints (other than thinking you're not too bright, at least). But it should be done responsibly and under consideration for the health of those around you. This logic extends to businesses who should follow a similar practice. In the United States you aren't allowed to smoke inside public buildings and in some businesses (such as pubs) the county may have further restrictions stating that smokers must be contained in an area at a higher elevation so the smoke doesn't affect those around them. Some counties even go as far as to say you have to have a physical barrier between sections. And I support that.

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