

## How many more Clubs need to Die?

Dear Sir,

As Chairman of [freedom2choose.info](http://freedom2choose.info) I will be attending the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June purposely to lobby MPs concerning the much needed amendment to the smoking ban implemented almost 4 years ago. As a non smoker I agree that non-smokers rights should be recognised, but by the same token, smokers also have rights and should not be cast out into the cold & wet so often suffered in this country.

Indeed, it has always been my contention that the old system of separate rooms (SNUGS) be re-instated, hence each having their own drinking areas. Staff, naturally, would have exactly the same options. We have recently seen the Scraftoft Valley Club close its doors after many years of serving the community-**how many more venues need to die?** My two local clubs are considerable amounts of money down (weekly turnover) compared to pre-ban figures yet allowing smoking rooms will open the doors to more customers immediately. It is without doubt the smoking ban that has forced many regular pub/club drinkers to enjoy the cheaper supermarket beers-which they never considered prior to 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2007.

It is well known that modern day ventilation technology is so far advanced that simple systems (freely used in hospital theatres) clean (filtrate) the air to 4 x's the standard of that which we breathe on our streets. It is also well known that SHS (*passive smoking*) has never been proven to have killed anyone but the power of the Health Lobby & Pharmaceutical Industry have demonised smoking beyond belief-yet Government wants/needs every single penny of revenue it provides!

Will this country finally wake up when every person has to carry a plastic type credit card, which goes through the till and alerts the barperson as soon as you have purchased your 5<sup>th</sup> drink, that your limit has been reached? This is **your** chance to show this government that **you**, the businessman, know **your** business best.

We need customers to return to our clubs & pubs, we need them to be back **in** our venues spending money, re-invigorating our internal economy and bringing our hospitality sector back to life? The only way this can be achieved is with **your** support. With **your** support I will not be going to London empty handed. I will be able to show MPs **your** commitment to saving **your** own club/pub for it is a little community-**your** community!

Please take a few moments to complete the attached information sheet and return it to me at your earliest convenience. Remember, [freedom2choose](http://freedom2choose.info) have been working hard for this opportunity. This is a golden opportunity to show MPs that they implemented this law wrongly as there should always have been the element of **choice**.

Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> June, with **your** support, can see the start of that much needed **choice!**

Yours sincerely

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## Submission to Members of Parliament

Organised by [freedom2choose.info](http://freedom2choose.info) - the nations leading pro-choice organisation.

<b>Venue &amp; Address</b>		
	<b>YES</b>	<b>No</b>
My Club/Pub has suffered financially, through lack of <b>choice</b> , since the implementation of the smoking ban		
I accept that non smokers have the right of <b>choice</b>		
I accept that smokers have the right of <b>choice</b>		
I fully agree that smokers/non smokers should have separate rooms; ie <b>choice</b>		
I agree that bar staff should have the right of <b>choice</b>		
I agree that modern day ventilation (filtration) systems should be employed where necessary		
Business owners/licensees know their business best and should have the right of <b>choice</b>		

Since the implementation of the smoking ban, more than 9,000 businesses have been lost. I do not want my business to follow suit and fully agree to **freedom2choose** presenting my views.

Signed.....