

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**11 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Report of the Director of Public Health**

**CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED ADDITIONAL SMOKEFREE PUBLIC SPACES ACROSS DERBYSHIRE**

**Consultation findings and recommendations**

**1. Purpose of the report:**

To provide a summary of the findings of the consultation to create additional smokefree public spaces across Derbyshire.

**2. Purpose of the consultation:**

To allow the communities of Derbyshire to communicate their views on future smokefree public spaces initiatives, specifically around protecting children from the dangers second hand smoke.

**3. Rationale for additional smoke-free public places**

The Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Derbyshire 2018 onwards includes the priority to “enable people in Derbyshire to live healthy lives”. One of the commitments towards achieving this priority directly relates to tobacco control:

- Supporting the delivery of a tobacco control strategy and action plan for Derbyshire, with priorities that include increasing the number of smoke-free environments

Introducing additional smoke-free public spaces will have the following benefits;

- to reduce the uptake of smoking by children and young people by helping to make smoking less socially acceptable
- to reduce the risk of exposure to second-hand smoke, particularly for children
- to reduce smoking-related litter, which is non-biodegradable and toxic to children, wildlife and the environment
- to reduce fire risk

**4. What we wanted to find out**

- Importance of this work to the communities of Derbyshire
- Importance of ensuring children are not affected by second hand smoke
- Would the communities of Derbyshire support the creation of additional smokefree public spaces?

- Would the communities of Derbyshire support the creation of smokefree public spaces at specific public venues?

## 5. Consultation findings

The online consultation was available to complete from Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at the following address

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have-your-say/consultation-search/consultation-details/additional-smoke-free-public-spaces.aspx>.

### Number of responses

A total of 645 responses were received via the online questionnaire.

### Content of responses

The results of the consultation show high levels of support for creating additional smokefree public spaces across Derbyshire.

### Key questions

- 97% of respondents answered either 'Very Important' or 'Fairly important' to the question '**How important is it to you that people do not smoke in the presence of children?**'
- 86% of respondents answered either 'Very Important' or 'Fairly important' to the question '**How important do you feel it is to create additional smokefree public spaces across Derbyshire to reduce the risk of second hand smoke?**'
- 85% of respondents answered yes to the question '**Would you support the creation of additional smokefree public spaces?**'

### Question regarding specific public spaces

The consultation also asked respondents if they would support measures to create smokefree public spaces at the 9 public venues listed above. The responses were:

<u>Proposed Public Space</u>	<u>Answered 'yes'</u>	<u>Answered 'no'</u>	<u>Answered 'don't know'</u>
1. Infant, junior and primary school gates	99%	0%	1%
2. Children's play areas/play grounds	99%	0%	1%
3. Children's sports clubs	99%	0%	1%
4. Adults sports clubs	85%	7%	8%
5. Bus and taxi stands	92%	5%	3%

6. Outside DCC and district/borough council buildings	87%	6%	7%
7. Leisure centre entrances	96%	3%	1%
8. Skate parks	93%	2%	5%
9. Theme Parks (targeted at Childrens specific areas)	96%	2%	2%

**6. Other considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations

**7. Background papers:**

- “Our Lives, Our Health” Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018-2023.
- Paper for Cabinet – Consultation on proposed additional smokefree public spaces across Derbyshire - April 2019.

**8. Key Decision:**

No

**9. Is it necessary to waive the call in period?**

No

**10. Officer's Recommendation:**

That Cabinet:

- Notes the outcomes from the Additional smoke-free public spaces consultation
- Delegates any further approvals required to take forward expansion of smoke-free places agenda to Health and Wellbeing Board.

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