

The Secretary of State for Health is undertaking a consultation on public and workplace smoking and whether the proposals in the White Paper should be strengthened.

In addition to the proposals set out in the White Paper the Tobacco Manufacturers' Association would like to see:

- smoking rooms in restaurants and pubs that serve food;
- smoking throughout, or in smoking rooms as an option, for pubs that do not serve food;
- smoking rooms in workplaces;

These considerations do go further than the proposals in the White Paper but are closer to what the general public want.

The two polls featured in this pamphlet are in line with a long run of polls in recent years, including the ONS "Smoking-related Behaviour and Attitudes 2003" study, which show that the clear majority of the public do not support a total ban on smoking in public places.

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Smoking bans – what the public want

Two polls undertaken recently show that neither the public nor bar staff/licencees want a complete ban on smoking in pubs, bars and restaurants.

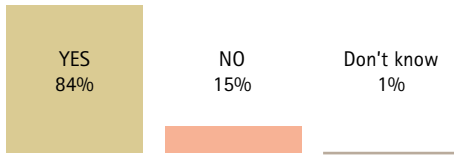
They also show support for:

- the exemptions proposed in the White Paper
- smoking rooms to be allowed in all pubs, restaurants and workplaces.

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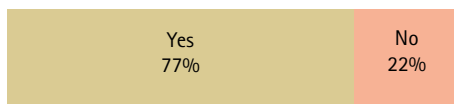
Public reject ban on smoking in pubs

Populus undertook a survey of over 1,000 people in the UK in May 2005 for the TMA. The proposals which the TMA have listed on the back of this leaflet were put to the public and below are their responses.



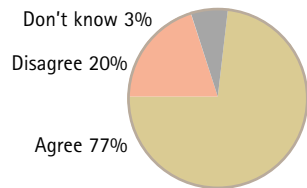
Adults should be allowed to smoke

More than a quarter of adults in the UK smoke. People were asked whether they should be allowed to do so, provided they did not inconvenience others. **84%** said they should be allowed to do so.



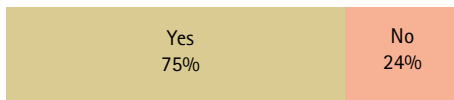
Smoking rooms in workplaces

People were asked whether smoking should be allowed in workplaces where employers & employees have agreed there should be separate designated smoking rooms. **77%** agreed with this statement.



Smoking in private clubs

When asked whether smoking should be allowed in private or members' clubs to which the general public does not have access **77%** said yes.



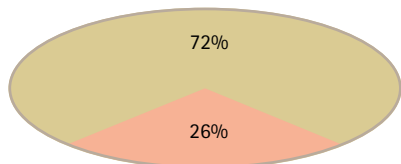
Smoking rooms in pubs

75% of people said they agreed with the idea that smoking should be allowed in pubs, bars and clubs that have separate rooms for smokers and non-smokers.



Smoking rooms in restaurants

To the question of whether smoking should be allowed in restaurants and cafes that have separate smoking and non-smoking rooms, **56%** of people said it should.



Not banning smoking in pubs

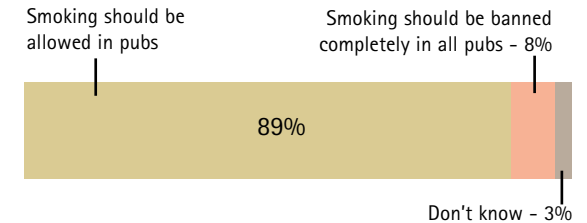
Only **26%** of people questioned wanted smoking banned completely in all pubs, bars and clubs.

Licensees and bar staff reject ban on smoking in pubs

HPI Cardinal undertook a survey of 250 licensees and 250 bar staff for AIR (Atmosphere Improves Results) about their attitudes to restricting smoking in pubs in May/June 2005.

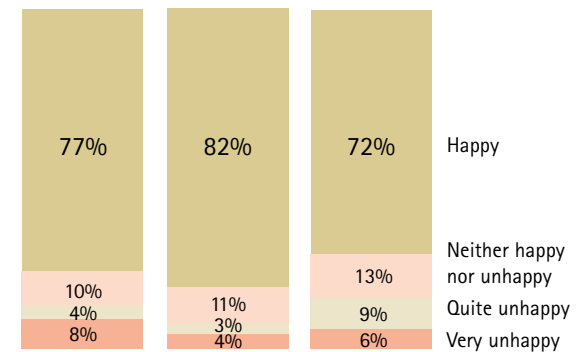
Smoking should continue in pubs

The majority of the trade (**89%**) think smoking should continue to be allowed in pubs, either throughout the premises (**15%**), or under different scenarios whereby the pub is either mainly smoking (**48%**) or mainly non-smoking (**26%**).



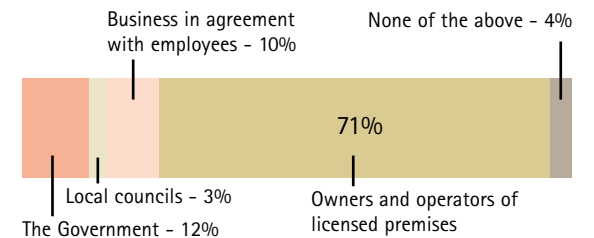
Happy to work where smoking is allowed

Both licensees and staff are happy to work in pubs that limit but do not ban smoking - **77%** if smoking was banned at the bar counter but allowed elsewhere; **82%** if smoking was allowed in a separate room which they did not have to enter; **72%** if smoking was allowed in a separate room that they had to enter from time to time.



Owners and operators should decide policy

The majority of the trade (**71%**) think that a pub's smoking policy should be decided by the owners and operators of licensed premises rather than the government or local councils.



Ventilation is effective

The majority of licensees and staff (**91%**) think that effective ventilation can play a significant role managing smoke.

