

Additional smokefree public spaces consultation **June/July 2019**

Consultation results

Consultation details

During the summer of 2019, Derbyshire County Council consulted with the public to find out their views on creating additional smokefree public spaces.

The online questionnaire was available [here](#).

Respondents

645 people responded to the online questionnaire

93% of respondents were Derbyshire residents

7% were current smokers

35% were previous smokers

58% had never smoked

96 primary age school children were also consulted via focus groups in school

Online questionnaire

85% of respondents answered yes to the question **‘Would you support the creation of additional smokefree public spaces’?**

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’?**

School children focus groups

93% of school children answered yes to the question **‘Would you support the creation of additional smokefree public spaces’?**

Comments

Online questionnaire

“It is crucial to prevent people smoking where children are - to stop children learning that behaviour - but also to help adults to think about quitting”

“Indoor spaces are already smokefree and I don't think there is an issue with people smoking outdoors if they wish”

“Smoking is an outdated antisocial habit. The more places that are smoke free the better. Also, the less children see smoking the less they may try it.”

“Breathing in second hand smoke is disgusting and harmful”

“I don't think it's a bad idea, just not a high priority”

School children focus groups

The vast majority of school children were in favour. The minority that didn't agree were from families where there is an adult who smokes. There was concern that they wouldn't get to visit certain places if it was designated smoke free.

Proposed public spaces

Respondents were also asked “would you support measures to create smokefree public spaces at the following venues”?

<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	84%	7%	9%
5. Bus and taxi stands	91%	5%	4%
6. Outside DCC/district and borough council buildings	87%	6%	7%
7. Leisure centre entrances	95%	3%	2%
8. Skate parks	92%	3%	5%
9. Theme parks (targeted at children)	96%	2%	2%