

Report to the Emmanuel Church Council regarding the Smoke-free Law Consultation conducted during June 2007

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 Is to highlight the outcomes of the consultation that was conducted by the Seedley & Langworthy Trust on behalf of the Emmanuel Church. The report will highlight the purpose of the consultation, methodologies used with subsequent findings.

2. Purpose of the consultation

2.1 The Seedley & Langworthy Trust were commissioned by the Church Council to ascertain the views of centre users (of the church) regarding the introduction of the nationwide smoke-free laws on July 1st 2007. The new law has been introduced to protect employees and the public from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke. The key purpose/themes of the consultation were to:-

- Raise awareness of the importance of the introduction of the new law
- Develop a smoke-free policy for users of the building
- Offer support to users who may want to stop smoking

2.2 The consultation took place during the month of June 2007 and gave centre users the opportunity to complete a questionnaire (see Appendix 1) that asked a series of questions related to the above key themes.

3. Methodology

3.1 The project manager decided to use a questionnaire format (see Appendix 1) that was developed to incorporate the key themes highlighted above. This approach was chosen in favour of more qualitative approaches (e.g. focus groups) in an attempt to gain more responses from users accessing the church but also due to particular constraints on time, cost and logistics in adopting more of a qualitative approach.

3.2 A total of 78 questionnaires were completed and returned for analysis during the consultation period.

4. Findings – (are based on a total of 78 responses)

4.1 Introductory section

1) Are you a smoker?	Yes	No	
	10 (13%)	68 (87%)	
2) Do you currently smoke when visiting the building?	Yes	No	Not Applicable (N/A)
	7 (9%)	3 (4%)	68 (87%)
3) Do you smoke?	Inside the building	Outside the building	N/A

	4 (5%)	3 (4%)	71 (91%)
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4.2 Section 1 – Awareness Raising – A Quick Guide to the New Smoke-Free Law

4) Where you aware of the forthcoming smoke-free law that will be introduced on July 1st 2007?	Yes 74 (95%)	No 3 (4%)	Didn't answer (D/A) 1 (1%)
5) Are you aware that:-	Yes 76 (97%)	No 2 (3%)	
a) From 1st July 2007 it will be against the law to smoke in virtually all enclosed public places, workshops and public and work vehicles. There will be few exemptions from the law			
b) Indoor smoking rooms in virtually all public places and workplaces will no longer be allowed	Yes 73 (94%)	No 4 (5%)	D/A 1 (1%)
c) Managers of smoke-free premises and vehicles will have legal responsibilities to prevent people from smoking	Yes 69 (88%)	No 3 (4%)	D/A 6 (8%)
d) The new law will require no-smoking signs to be displayed in all smoke-free premises and vehicles	Yes 68 (87%)	No 3 (4%)	D/A 7 (9%)
e) The new law applies to anything that can be smoked. This includes cigarettes, pipes, cigars and herbal cigarettes	Yes 68 (87%)	No	D/A 10 (13%)
f) Failure to comply with the law will be a criminal offence	Yes 69 (88%)	No 1 (1%)	D/A 8 (10%)
g) Penalties and fines for smoke-free offences are as follows:- Smoking in smoke-free premises or work vehicles: a fixed penalty notice of £50 imposed on the person smoking. Or a maximum fine of £200 if prosecuted and convicted by a court	Yes 60 (77%)	No 11 (14%)	D/A 7 (9%)
Failure to display no-smoking signs: a fixed penalty of £200 imposed on whoever manages or occupies the smoke-free premises or	Yes 60 (77%)	No 11 (14%)	D/A 7 (9%)

vehicle. Or a maximum fine of £1000 if prosecuted and convicted by a court			
Failure to prevent smoking in a smoke-free place: a maximum fine of £2500 imposed on whoever manages or controls the smoke-free premises or vehicle if prosecuted and convicted by a court	Yes 59 (76%)	No 12 (15%)	D/A 7 (9%)
h) Local councils will be responsible for enforcing the new law	Yes 70 (90%)	No 1 (1%)	D/A 7 (9%)
6) All staff at the centre will be legally obliged to take action if someone smokes inside the centre	Yes 69 (88%)	No 1 (1%)	D/A 8 (10%)
7) Smoking will only be allowed to take place when completely outside this building. Under no circumstances will anyone be allowed to smoke inside this building	Yes 69 (88%)	No	D/A 9 (12%)

4.3 Section 2 – Adopting a Smoke-free policy @ Emmanuel Church

An additional component to the new smoking legislation was a government recommendation to all workplaces to develop a smoke-free policy in consultation with their staff, customers, members or visitors. The policy that was incorporated into the consultation (see Appendix 2) was accepted without opposition or amendment with respondents commenting on being with in full agreement with the new laws and the emphasis on making workplaces smoke-free environments.

4.4 Section 3 – Accessing support to stop smoking

The main question from this section asked the following question;

Would you be interested in joining a local support group to help you and others stop smoking?

Yes – 2 (3%)

No – 8 (10%)

***N/A** – 68 (87%)

* indicates non-smokers

5. Summary

- The results from the consultation demonstrated that the majority of respondents (95%) showed good awareness of the forthcoming smoke-free laws and the key elements that are contained in the new legislation.
- This was further reflected in the majority (88%) acknowledging the responsibility of managers to implement this new legislation and local councils (90%) to enforce it.
- With a further acknowledgement (88%) that all staff at the church will be legally obliged to take action if someone smokes inside the church.
- The smoke-free policy that was incorporated into the consultation was positively accepted without opposition or amendment – with respondents commenting on being in full agreement with the new laws and on making workplaces smoke-free environments.

SMOKEFREE LAW CONSULTATION @ EMMANUEL CHURCH - 2007

Purpose of the consultation

England will become smoke-free on Sunday, 1 July 2007. The new law is being introduced to protect employees and the public from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke. The purpose of this consultation is to;

1. raise awareness of the importance of the introduction of the new law
2. develop a smoke-free policy for users of the building
3. offer support to users who may want to stop smoking

If you could please take some time to complete the following questionnaire & return to **Gerry Urey, Chair of the Centre** it would be greatly appreciated. All information supplied will be treated in the strictest confidence and used solely for the purposes of this consultation. If you have any queries regarding the consultation or content of the questionnaire please contact **Martin Halton @ the Seedley & Langworthy Trust** on **(0161) 737 9918** or **07771 540957**.

This consultation has been authorised by Emmanuel Church Council and is being conducted on behalf of the Church Council.

Introduction

1) Are you a smoker? (Please circle) (if no, please go to question 4) yes	no

2) Do you currently smoke when visiting this building? (if no, please go to question 4) yes	no	n/a

3) Do you smoke (please tick) inside the building	Outside the building	n/a

Section 1 – Awareness Raising – A Quick Guide to the New Smoke-free Law

4) Where you aware of the forthcoming smoke-free law		
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that will be introduced on 1st July 2007? (please circle) yes	no	d/a

5) Are you aware that (please read the following statements and circle either ‘yes’ or ‘no’)

a) From 1st July 2007 it will be against the law to smoke in virtually all enclosed public places, workshops and public and work vehicles. There will be very few exemptions from the law Yes	No	d/a
b) Indoor smoking rooms in virtually all public places and workplaces will no longer be allowed Yes	No	d/a
c) Managers of smoke-free premises and vehicles will have legal responsibilities to prevent people from smoking Yes	No	d/a
d) The new law will require no-smoking signs to be displayed in all smoke-free premises and vehicles Yes	No	d/a
e) The new law applies to anything that can be smoked. This includes cigarettes, pipes, cigars and herbal cigarettes Yes	No	d/a
f) Failure to comply with the law will be a criminal offence. Yes	No	d/a
g) Penalties and fines for smoke-free offences are as follows:-		

<p>Smoking in smoke-free premises or work vehicles: a fixed penalty notice of £50 imposed on the person smoking. Or a maximum fine of £200 if prosecuted and convicted by a court</p> <p>yes</p>	no	d/a
<p>Failure to display no-smoking signs: a fixed penalty of £200 imposed on whoever manages or occupies the smoke-free premises or vehicle. Or a maximum fine of £1000 if prosecuted and convicted by a court</p> <p>yes</p>	no	d/a
<p>Failure to prevent smoking in a smoke-free place: a maximum fine of £2500 imposed on whoever manages or controls the smoke-free premises or vehicle if prosecuted and convicted by a court</p> <p>yes</p>	no	d/a
<p>h) Local councils will be responsible for enforcing the new law.</p> <p>Yes</p>	No	d/a
<p>6) All staff at the centre will be legally obliged to take action if someone smokes inside the centre</p> <p>yes</p>	no	d/a

<p>7) Smoking will only be allowed to take place when completely outside this building. Under no circumstances will anyone be allowed to smoke inside this building.</p> <p>yes</p>	<p>no</p>	<p>d/a</p>

Section 2 – Smoke-free Policy @ Emmanuel Church

In order to make all users of the centre aware of the importance of keeping the inside of the building smoke-free – the government has recommended all workplaces develop a smoke-free policy in consultation with their staff, customers, members or visitors. Outlined below is a draft copy of the smoke-free policy that could be adopted for this centre. Please take the time to read it and provide any comments/suggestions in the space provided.

PURPOSE

This policy has been developed to protect all employees, service users, customers and visitors from exposure to second-hand smoke and to assist compliance with the Health Act 2006.

Exposure to second-hand smoke increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other serious illnesses. Ventilation or separating smokers and non-smokers within the same airspace does not completely stop potentially dangerous exposure.

POLICY

It is the policy of **Emmanuel Church** that we are a smoke-free workplace and that employees and centre users have a right to work and use a smoke-free environment. The policy shall come into effect on Sunday 1st July 2007. Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed and substantially enclosed premises in the workplace. This includes company vehicles. This policy applies to all employees, consultants, contractors, customers or members and visitors.

IMPLEMENTATION

Overall responsibility for policy implementation and review rests with **Ken Stokes**. However, all staff are obliged to adhere to, and support the implementation of the policy. The person named above shall inform all existing employees, consultants and contractors of the policy and their role in the implementation and monitoring of the policy. They will also give all new personnel a copy of the policy on recruitment/induction.

Appropriate ‘no-smoking’ signs will be clearly displayed at the entrances to and within the premises, and in all smoke-free vehicles.

NON-COMPLIANCE

Local disciplinary procedures will be followed if a member of staff or centre user does not comply with this policy. Those who do not comply with the smoke-free law may also be liable to a fixed penalty fine and possible criminal prosecution.

HELP TO STOP SMOKING

The NHS offers a range of free services to help smokers give up. Visit gosmokefree.co.uk or call the NHS Smoking Helpline on 0800 169 0 169 for details. Alternatively you can text 'GIVE UP' and your full postcode to 88088 to find your local NHS Stop Smoking Service.

Your comments (please use the space below to write any comments or suggestions regarding the above policy)

Section 3 – Support to stop smoking

There is free support available from the NHS to stop smoking. Please could you tick any of the services below if you are interested in stopping smoking:-

A) Local NHS Stop Smoking Services – to find your local service, call the NHS Smoking Helpline free on 0800 169 0 169 or ask at your local GP Practice, pharmacy or hospital.

B) Gosmokefree.co.uk – an online resource for all the advice, information and support needed to stop and stay stopped.

C) Together – this support programme is free to join, and is designed to help individuals stop smoking using medical research as well as insights from ex-smokers. You can choose to receive e-mails, text messages, mailing packs and phone calls. Call the NHS Smoking Helpline on 0800 169 0 169 or visit gosmokefree.co.uk for details.

D) Would you be interested in joining a local support group to help you and others stop smoking? (please tick)		
yes	no	n/a

Section 4 – Personal Details (to be used only for the purpose of this consultation)

Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Phone number	
E-mail (if applicable)	
Date of Birth	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND COOPERATION IN COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE