

**P-06-1396 Introduce a vape licence for dedicated vape shops - Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Committee, 20.02.24.**

I'll reply to email you've provided, also replying here as well . That document is appears to be from someone not understanding the petition and coming from a smoking perception.

Vaping is an aid to helping people stop smoking . A tobacco licence may help current retailers of cigarettes stamp out underage sales, but it will not help dedicated licensed vape shops doing their jobs if the licenced tabacco retailers are still selling vapes.

The products contradict each other and are two separate entities, one feeds an addiction with significant health risks, whilst the other helps someone with the habit to switch and has immediate heath benefits as they work their way to being smokefree.

There is no benefit to anyone selling vape products, except for vape shops. Infact a free for all has actually encouraged normally sensible business to attempt to cash in, when it relates in no way to their actual shop, chip shops, novelty shops, seeing others attract customers by selling vapes, decide its the way forward and jump on the bandwagon.

Illegal vapes are and will continue to be an issue, which trading standards need to stamp that out with the new help provided and it will be much easier if dedicated vape shops hold thier own licences.

The dedicated vape shops that have always been compliant have had many knocks along the way . We spend a lot of time educating people and making sure they have correct items to perform a successful quit of smoking.

We have seen what happens when all shops can sell these products and its been a free for all.

Whilst I agree with many of the points put forward. I firmly believe the way forward is to keep cigarette tabacco product separate from vaping products and allow them only to be sold by business who are actually trained, its their job to help people to be smoke free.

Whilst disposables are getting banned these shops will just start selling the liquids and devices which will bring in another set of problems. illegal devices and fake liquids . This is exactly what was happening before disposables come in . Liquids have already been replicated from the disposables. So others selling will still be selling to under age but in liquid forms . I'll attach a picture of disposables and the liquids that will be sold in its place . So underage will technically still be getting them.

I'd appreciate these points being brought up whilst considering this petition  
Kind regards