

Hi Folks,

I have received the email today inviting a look at the consultation on vaping.

There's a lot of energy being spent on the issues of nicotine and vaping - no doubt with good intentions.

I just wish that this could be all paused for a time - no one is openly acknowledging the elephant in the room.

The bigger health threat we have is tobacco. Looking at it purely from a health perspective, tobacco should be banned before looking at the safer alternatives for nicotine consumption.

As an ex-smoker who has successfully and fully quit tobacco by replacing it with vaping, not only do I know the health benefits of doing so, I know, and know of, a broad range of people who all feel that their good choice to change to vaping is being put at risk. There is genuine fear that vaping products will be made even more difficult to acquire than cigarettes.

There, I have put it as calmly and succinctly as I can...

Now I'd like to put it more bluntly,

For heavens sake, its a no-brainer - tobacco is by far the greater threat to health... get rid of that first!! Then perhaps start looking more closely at vaping which is a far safer alternative. Even my cardiologist acknowledges that!