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Dear Mr Rimmer

Thank you for your correspondence of 15 June to the Welsh Government regarding the Public Health (Wales) Bill, and for your personal observations regarding the use of e-cigarettes. .

The Bill has been developed following an extensive process of consultation – you can read about last year's Public Health White Paper consultation and the responses to it at <http://gov.wales/consultations/healthsocialcare/white-paper/?lang=en>

The provisions in the Bill are not intended to interfere with the use of e-cigarettes in smoking cessation attempts. The aims are to prevent e-cigarettes from re-normalising smoking behaviours, particularly among children and young people, to maintain the indoor air quality established by the smoking ban, and to support enforcement of the smoke-free regime in Wales.

The Explanatory Memorandum (EM) for the Bill provides further information on the purpose of the provisions. It identifies a range of sources of evidence, and examines the potential costs and benefits of implementing a restriction on the use of e-cigarettes in enclosed public and work places, including the impact on the health of e-cigarette users. I have provided a link to the Explanatory Memorandum for your information: <http://www.senedd.assembly.wales/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=12763&AIID=22862>.

Following its publication, the Bill is now being considered in detail by the National Assembly for Wales over the coming months. You can keep up with the progress of the Bill by visiting <http://gov.wales/legislation/programme/assemblybills/public-health/?lang=en> and following the National Assembly's website <http://www.assembly.wales/en/Pages/Home.aspx>

Yours sincerely,

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