Dear Jeremy

I write this letter on a direct response to the plan for packaging consultation. As a retailer in the independent sector, I see this as yet another burden placed upon me before we are subsumed into the unbecoming of plan covered up as part of the regulated market. This is yet another burden placed upon my customers, the small shops, and we are already under stress.

If our packs look the same as mine, then we will have difficulty identifying our own brand (which could lead to giving the customer the wrong item). If our packs look the same as mine, then we will have difficulty identifying our own brand (which could lead to giving the customer the wrong item).

The woolly item evidence from Australia shows that there has been an increase in the illegal cigarette market since they introduced plain packaging. If the same happens in the UK, this could have an effect on my business.
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

In response to the Pawn Packagings consultation I would like to express my concerns should such action be approved.

Children are not enticed into smoking due to the design on a packet of cigarettes. Once the display ban comes into force will it actually make any difference as all cigarettes will be hidden from view?

Pawn Packagings will hamper the productivity of my staff as they will inevitably take more time serve’s customers making sure they have selected the correct cigarettes. The introduction of Pawn Packagings will only make it harder for staff to identify the different brands and strengths associated with them.

This in turn will increase the time in which staff will have to turn back to a customer which may lead to an increase in theft.

The introduction of Pawn Packagings will only play into the hands of the criminals. It will ease the counterfeiters process by making it easier to forge the Packagings. This will massively increase the amount of revenue lost for the UK government.
Dear Jeremy Hunt, M.P.,

This is a formal consultation response. We rely heavily on Tobacco sales for cash flow and profit. To introduce plain packaging would lead to the purchase of cheaper brands reducing margins.

In addition, this would make products far easier to counterfeit. Further fuelling to the illegal trade. I am totally against plain packaging now or in the
Ref: Plain Packaging Consultation

Plain packaging will make it difficult & cause lengthy service times for my customers. The door will already be on my unit & serving will be a problem.

The market will increase counterfeit and illegal cigarettes, which will make people sick. As the public finds out what is in them, I have a customer who became very sick through smoking illicit Rolling Tobacco he brought whilst abroad.

I will loose customers and in turn the government will lose money in tax. As a retailer who prides himself not selling the best quality products and range, this move will be detrimental to my business.
Reference: Plain packaging cigarettes

for Jeremy Hunt MP

This is a formal consultation response to "plain packaging tobacco products." changing all tobacco products to plain packaging I feel that once again will be the retailers that will have to pay the price and place more strain on them.

Plain packaging is bad for business, bad for consumers but good for profits. Plain packaging will destroy brands quality assurance.

Businesses are already under so much pressure and struggling to make meet instead of supporting these small shops the government are trying to impose even more red tape and placing extra burdens on them and this is before the display ban has not come into force.

The hard work that retailers are doing to ensure that tobacco is sold to under 18s once again makes the retailer feel criminals will have the power to sell to under 18s.
Response to the Standardised Tobacco Packaging Consultation 2104

20 July 2014

Dear Mr Hunt

As a retailer we are opposed to standardised/plain packaging.

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Tobacco Retail Consultations
Department of Health
7th floor
Wellington House
133-138
London
SE1 8UG.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to make my view forward to the consultation. I am a convenience store owner in a rural village and I sell tobacco in my store. My opinion on this radical loosening, it will not benefit customers in my area, from smoking and purchasing tobacco. It will actually promote more customers to buy it and make it easier to sell illegal cigarettes.
To whom it may concern:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I find it difficult that the UK & Scottish Governments can propose ill thought and uninformed proposals to introduce Tobacco Plain Packaging, but also using the hard working independent retailers times to fund the pro-campaigning in my opinion no more than a few thousandsound bites.

If we worked 12 hours a day, 7 days a week to try and make a living and then see some folk in Tory Towers try their damnedest to make you work harder still.

The Independent retailer trade do not lightly undertake any role, let alone cigarettes to children, yet time and again we are crucified for doing exactly what is done by our peers in the tobacco, alcohol, gambling and gaming. It is time that independent retailers are the last things in your mind or even on your agenda.

Your policies were very open about, which could be nothing to do with the other smoke from cesspits to liked market. It would seem longer for staff to identify products within the snack/tobacco store and more likely and ensuring that for leaner customers to sell products from the shop floor.

We want the ability to sell large products to our eligible customers and feel this is not the answer to ask...
Dear Jeremy,

I am writing this letter in response to the plain packaging consultation. I along with my wife,run and own a post office and convenience store in Southport, we purchased the store in 2008.

As experienced retailers we wish to raise our concerns over the pending plain packaging for all tobacco.

We feel that removing a brand identity will make tobacco products easier to counterfeit, therefore undermining our retail trade. It will become easy for criminals to operate. Not only do these reasons I have outlined mean less of trade for ourselves, it will also mean less of revenue to government in unpaid tax duties...
We will have to ensure staff can identify brands correctly, transactions will take longer, customers will be frustrated, which all could lead to loss of trade. We feel the retail display ban which comes into force 6th April 2015 is a sufficient deterrent on its own, it is unnecessary to also introduce plain packaging when the tobacco is out of sight.

It is also worth mentioning that evidence from Australia points to an increase in illicit trade since plain packaging was introduced, this will have undoubtedly had an impact on the retail trade.

We hope our concerns are heard and serious consideration is given, before it is too late.

Kind Regards,
Dear Sir,

PLAIN PACKAGING - CONSULTATION RESPONSE

I am writing to raise concern in response to the above.

I am a second generation retailer in the trade for 23 years. I feel the government should be supporting small business instead of introducing more red tape and placing more burden on retailers.

Increased transaction time and mistakes while serving, and increase in counterfeit products are just some of my concerns. Please explain why you are going ahead with plain packaging as we have
Would you have our cigarette futures covered up by April 2015? I await your earliest reply.

Your faithfully
To whom it may concern,

Just to say that I am totally opposed to plain packaging as it would make my job even harder because the customer will be able to tell when thelesia box comes into force. Also it will help the Black market selling Cola-Pep and Shuggaf. You can still sell more. Instead you should go beyond them and make sure they get heavy fines or closure orders.

Yours Sincerely
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

Re: Plain Packaging Forced Consultation Response

Please be aware that I am totally against the idea of plain packaging. I own a shop in Redditch and I have enough difficulty in selling my products as it is, without having to waste time trying to decipher which product is which on the shelf. My staff already have problems working out which product is which.

Do you, Mr. Hunt, really believe that putting cigarettes in plain packs will
Stop anyone smoking or stop children from starting to smoke?

Quite frankly I don't think it will make any difference and I have heard that other countries have gone down this road and there has been little or no difference there, except black market sales have increased!

I do not need more red tape or legislation to get in the way of trying to make an honest living.

It will be difficult enough to sell cigarettes when the doors go on!

Circa 20% of my footfall are cigarette customers and they account for circa 40% of my turnover!

I can ill afford to lose customers to cheaper lines or indeed the Black Market!
please see sense and agree with me that making plain packaging will cause trouble for everyone and make no difference to children smoking in fact it may create more opportunity for children to get cigarettes as they will be able more freely to buy a black market.

Yours sincerely, [Name]
Department of Health
F.A.O. Mr J Hunt MP
Standardised Tobacco Packaging Consultation
P.O. Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

Dear Mr J. Hunt,

Reference: Formal Consultation Response

I believe I speak for most, if not all small businesses when I say that the new Tobacco packaging consultation is simply ludicrous. To begin with, the costs associated with the change such as the mandatory cover of all tobacco is an unnecessary and costly requirement, especially considering how all designs and logos will be removed from all packs regardless. Secondly there is proven fact from around the world where this has become mandatory that counterfeit products will be even more readily available.

As you know the EU legislation will ban from May 2017, smaller packs of cigarettes & tobacco & this will no doubt have a dire effect on small business like mine, coupled with the proposed display ban.

It should be noted that this would not only severely damage community businesses incomes but it would also pave way for the sales of illegal tobacco, with individuals able to re-create the soon to be simple packaging much easier than the current, more complex design. Reports from Australia, where similar reforms to the tobacco industry have taken place, show a rise in the sale of counterfeit goods that are more harmful and would create an extremely effective solution for the financing of other illegal operations.

I desperately urge you to solve this pressing issue on behalf of small retailers everywhere, bearing in mind the associated "illegal" implications for everyone.
I am against the plain packaging because it will negatively affect the business in the shop.
I got up to the deli, pulled Deli. It felt like, I mean, it felt to my finger, then the plan. No will in to scan it.

P.s. galen.
I'm against the plain packaging because I think it will really affect business.
I am again the paper plan for the legal to keep progress. It will no doubt not centre again to point out every cause need.
To dear [my name]

I am sorry the previous plans failed, but I think it is best that things have been left as they are. It is not good to live with regrets or to carry unnecessary burdens.

Yours sincerely,
Dept of Health
Standardised Packaging Consultation
Po Box 1126
Exmouth
CT1 9PB

Re: Plain Packaging

Introducing plain packaging will cause difficulty in telling one cigarette from another. It will increase counterfeit cigarettes and lead to less sales.

Yours sincerely,
Department of Health
Standardised Tobacco Packaging Consultation

P.O. Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NS

Dear Sir/madam,

I am a retailer who sells tobacco. I am opposed to standardised/plain packaging as it would:

- Fuel the black market in counterfeit non-smoked tobacco.
- Increase the time req. to serve my customer.
- Increase product confusion for staff and customer.
- Possible redundancies at result fewer staff.
- Encourage customers to frequent supermarkets.
- Add more restrictions.

Please reconsider standardised/plain packaging as this could have a damaging effect on my business!
Dear sir,  

I am writing in response to the Standardised Tobacco Packaging consultation paper.

I am extremely concerned as this is going to affect my business and there is no evidence to show that it will decrease under age sales.

I trade in an area with a high number of outlets selling combined tobacco and beer that this can only increase. I am also concerned about the extra time it is going to take to serve my customers.

Yours sincerely,
Dear Sir,

Ref: Plain Packaging Consultation,

or, "How to Lose the next Election!"

I am writing to you in response to the so-called, 'Plain Packaging Consultation'. I'll refer to it as that soon though. In reality it is no more than a Show!

This Government has no intention of taking any notice of views expressed by any Independent Retailer or Representative. As such, you can confidently expect to lose my vote at the next General Election.

If this Government was genuinely interested in taking notice of the actual evidence, it would admit that its policies so far have directly led to an increase in the sales of illicit tobacco and cigarettes. Plain Packaging will only make this trend accelerate. Is there no one left in Government with the wills to stand up and say "Hang on! We've got this wrong?!"

As a small Independent Retailer, Plain Packaging is going to make the already difficult task of legally selling cigarettes and tobacco, etc.
Tobacco Retail Consultations
Department of Health
7th Floor
Wellington House
123-135
London
SE1 3UG

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to respond to the consultation. I own a convenience store
in heeloo and sell tobacco in my store. I think opinion at that it's would provide
no benefit to prevent people from smoking as it will house of promote
more people towards it and it also make it easier to sell illegal tobacco.
Dear Mr. Jeremy Hunt MP,

It is with great anguish that I write to you. I have heard from various sources that the British government is considering introducing plain packaging for tobacco products. Why?

I have also heard that the only noticeable change in habits of other countries where plain packaging has been introduced is the increase in illicit trade.

I can imagine that local crooks are rubbing their hands in anticipation!

Plain packs would probably help to destroy my business; perhaps I could lay up some store and save myself a small fortune!

I know the government is determined to stop young people from taking up
The bulkhead needs that I do not believe that plain packs will serve any direct.
I do not know any smokers who say they started smoking because of the pack design.
No, most started as a direct result of peer pressure, to make themselves look
big or tough. The last thing on their mind was how pretty the pack looked.

Go back to the drawing board, get some ideas from real people, do something that
will make a difference.

[Signature]
Dear Sirs,

Tobacco sales account for approx. 20% of my sales— they are a quiet sell to regular customers. Plain packaging will affect my sales by increasing sales time & more writing work for customers. The other major concern is that the pack will be too easy to copy & smoking rates may well increase to the detriment of legitimate businesses. I do not think it will have any effect on the number of people who want to smoke.

Yours sincerely,
Dear Sir,

I am a retailer in goa and am totally against new packaging. I do not think it will help. This will encourage black market stock and counterfeit cigarettes. Also it will be harder to see what stock you have. It will not help as doors are soon to be fitted to garages.

Yours Sincerely
To: Jeremy Hunt MP

31 July 2014

Dear Mr. Hunt,

Please do not allow plain package for cigarettes in the future as I think this will cause great problems with illegal stock and fake goods. It will also affect the sales and footfall that comes into the shop.

The fake cigarettes are not only more dangerous because they are not regulated and would cause more harm than good.

The cost of training staff and putting new procedures into place would also be very expensive to maintain ongoing.

Also the time involved centering the customer would be greatly increased. All these above factors would have a loss of business. The Government is supposed to help and support small shops who are central to the community but instead you are making business more difficult - killing the local community shops.

Please do not allow plain packaging.

Thank you
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I am a retailer who sells tobacco products, and I am opposed to standardized/plain packaging as I believe it would frustrate my customers as I need more time to be serving them. I hope you take this into consideration.

Yours faithfully,
Department of Health
Standardised Packaging Consultation
Po Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NB
30-7-14

Dear Sir / Madam,

With reference to the plain packaging consultation, I implore this legislation to be dropped with immediate effect. As a specialist Tobacconist, this would have serious implications on my business. My customers will be unable to distinguish the brands, especially after the doors op on my units. My staff will struggle to serve the customers quickly and efficiently. Counterfeit (illegal (non-duty paid) will increase. The tobacco industry is over-regulated and you are penalising honest hard working independent traders.

Yours sincerely,
Dear Sirs,

I am writing in reference to the upcoming of the plain packaging consultation. I believe this is another burden on how I would be run my business. All the laws and regulations that are being enforced are making the day to day running of my business more costly.

All I see this plain packaging do is make it easier for illegal tobacco to be sold on the black market, it will encourage a loss of footfall, and will stop customers purchasing other items. When this starts to promote ill health we believe it will encourage stimulants to supply... kids as an even younger age.

I have yet to see any benefit of any legislation that has been imposed on me or my business and I believe that it just another way of making money without any merit to it making any difference in the purchase of tobacco products.

I hope you take my advice into consideration as it will not affect me, it will effect the whole community.

Manager of cigarettes
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

As an Independent Retailer I would like to Intimate my objection to the Governments proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products.

We have as a trade been subjected to numerous changes within the tobacco category over past few years and like all my colleagues within trade we have adhered to those changes and have certainly seen our business suffer.

This new proposal is just another piece of legislation that will ensure that the independent trade suffer with the large multi-store companies gaining yet again from government support.

Plain packaging will increase the illicit trade that is without question.

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Re: Proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products

To whom it may concern,

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As of April 2015, we will no longer be able to display tobacco products; this in itself is going to cause considerable increases in serving times, without making it more difficult to locate the product by making them all look the same, thus making my business more vulnerable to theft.

We enforce a strong No ID policy on underage sales, as do the majority of retailers. Underage smokers can still access tobacco products from the counterfeit and non UK duty paid supplies, perhaps if you put as much effort into controlling the sale of illegal product we would see a reduction in the sale of these products within the illicit market.

As far as I am aware, evidence from countries that have already implemented this policy, have proven that the implementation of plain packaging has not delivered the planned decreases in either the number of smokers or consumption levels.

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I'm disappointed that you have made a u-turn with regards the introduction of plain packaging. I feel there is no logic in what you are trying to propose that all reports that have been published and facts that have been collated in other countries such as Canada, Australia, and Thailand that there has been no reduction in the number of smokers rather the opposite and more importantly an increase illicit trade. That then has a huge impact on revenue received by the government from the sales of cigarettes from controlled and regulated outlets and small stores like myself.

The future planned banning of nothing less than 20 packs and the minimum RYO tobacco pouches to be 30g combined with the retail display ban and plain packaging will kill of most of my business as over 60% is based on tobacco related products. I'm finding it difficult at the minute due to competition from supermarkets and illicit traders and non-duty paid tobacco sellers who are going to have a field day once everything is introduced.

I would appreciate your support. You have much to gain by reconsidering this concept as the implications of your decisions have greater consequences then you have calculated.

Faithfully,

Owner
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Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

I am writing to you regarding the removal of branded cigarette packaging. I have been a shopkeeper for many years now and, as you are well aware, the retail industry, in particular the cigarette and tobacco sector, has taken a big hit too in the economic downturn over the years. The fact that all major supermarkets and soon-to-be smaller retailers such as myself have to and already are covering up the branded cigarettes has made a significant negative effect on sales. So the whole idea of plain packaged cigarettes seems almost as absurd than the idea of covering the whole tobacco section, if not more so. I feel it will reduce sales even more so thus having a more detrimental effect on not just myself but other businesses in the retail sector selling cigarettes and tobacco.

Please take into consideration of the FULL implication of this idea of plain package cigarettes and try to see if from the point of view of the very day business that relies on this sector to maintain a healthy business in a very turbulent economic environment.

Thank you for taking the time to read on objection to this idea of plain packaging and I look forward to hearing your response.

Yours faithfully,
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

I am writing regarding the current standardisation of packaging for cigarettes, the issue that has been raised by members of the Campaign Against Smoking and Co-operatives among others. Your guidance, as a MP, would be appreciated.

I also wish to raise the issue of smoke-free policies in workplaces, and the need to educate customers about the dangers of second-hand smoke.

Yours sincerely,

[Name]
Department of Health
Standardised Tobacco Packaging Consultation
PO Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

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Faithfully,

Owner
To whom it may concern,

I open this communicating that due to a predicted decrease in demand in an already declining market.

Regards,
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I OBJECT TO PLAIN PACKAGING

AS IT WILL BRING EVEN MORE COUNTERFEIT CIG/TOBACCO WHICH WILL DECREASE SALES
IN AN ALREADY DECLINING MARKET, IN THE INDEPENDANT RETAIL

Yours,
23 July 2014

Response to the Standardised Tobacco Packaging Consultation 2104

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DEPT OF HEALTH
STANDARDISED TOBACCO PACKAGING CONSULTATION.
PO BOX 1126
CANTERBURY
CT 9NB.
30/1/14

DEAR JEREMY HUNT,

I am opposed to standardisation of tobacco packaging because this will frustrate our customers as it will take more time to serve as well as quelling the cigarette smugglers. I would like you to take this into consideration especially since it has had no impact in Australia.

Yours sincerely,
Reference: Plain Packaging of Cigarettes

29th July 2014

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

I would like to outline my deep concerns relating to the proposed plain packaging of cigarettes.

I own a [name redacted] and the percentage of tobacco sales of the total takings can be as large as 40% at certain times of the year. So you can see how critical this category is to our business.

With this in mind we have very grave reservations about the unproven effectiveness of this measure. It seems that the change to plain packaging would risk the viability of mine and others businesses for very little reward.

The risks to my business would come from increased competition from counterfeit suppliers, currently at 15% + not bought in retail and the increased staff costs due to slowing down of the customer service when using plain packaging. Not to mention being a major inconvenience to my already put-upon tobacco customers.

Thanks for your assistance,

Yours Sincerely,
31st July 2014

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

(Formal Consultation Response)

As the manager of a busy retail store in [REDACTED], I believe that plain packaging on cigarettes will be a further burden to us as retailers.

I feel that the Government should be supporting small local businesses instead of introducing more Red Tape.

These larger packs will mean consumers will be making fewer purchases which will ultimately reduce the footfall to our store and there is the additional cost to training staff whenever plain packaging is introduced.

I believe that products will be easier to counterfeit and will undermine our legitimate trade so the Government are making it easier for criminals to operate.

I would urge you to rethink this motion.

[REDACTED]

Store Manager
Re: Proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products

To whom it may concern,

As an independent retailer, I wish it to be known that I am totally against Tobacco Plain Packaging.

As of April 2015, we will no longer be able to display tobacco products, this in itself is going to cause considerable increases in serving times, without making it more difficult to locate the product by making them all look the same, thus making my business more vulnerable to theft.

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Yours sincerely,
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

This is my formal consultation Response:

I feel that the display ban hasn't been put in place for small local shops, but the Government want to place more restrictions for them. This is a burden on retailers, also profit margins will be decreased for the shopkeepers as customers are prone to buy the cheaper branded than the more expensive ones.

The main reason for my letter is to notify you on the happening of an increase in illegal trade. It will be easier to counterfeit products if they all look the same, the illegal trade is already an issue in the UK and introducing plain packaging just makes the easier for criminals.

Yours sincerely,
Department of Health
Standardised Tobacco Packaging Consultation
PO Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

Dear Sir/Madam,

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Faithfully,

[Name]

Owner
Department of Health
Standardised Tobacco Packaging Consultation
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Canterbury
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The impact on my staff will be horrendous with many already struggling now with the brands and the names clearly visible so making the brands undifferentiated through plain packaging will increase customer serving time and be detrimental to my business. I’m going to need to increase my number of staff to deal with the extra time required to cope with the customers however with the current climate my business is struggling so with these plans I have no chance of surviving.

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Faithfully,

[Name]

Director
4th August 2014

The Right Honourable Mr Jeremy Hunt MP,

Dear Mr Hunt,

Re: Plain Packaging,

I have been a retailer in the C.T.N.I. sector for over 25 years. Through successive Governments we have witnessed experienced above inflation taxation on cigarettes and have had to live with it.

In my experience the plain packaging will not work (disregarding the forthcoming display ban) for the following reasons:

1) It will lead to a massive rise in illicit trade as broadly will not be allowed.
2) There is not enough proof that it will lead to a reduction in smoking (Infact, in Canada and Australia it has not been proven that sales have reduced).
3) It will lead to confusion amongst staff, more so with part-time and temporary staff as most retailers employ part-time on a regular basis.
4) I do think the UK government has an obligation to support small retailers (irrespective of E.U. laws) as we employ a large number of the total employed and contribute to the UK economy, not the E.U. economy.
5) The government should support small businesses, not suppress them.

I believe that the present government should leave tobacco products as they are and boost the economy.

Please bear in mind bootlegging and smuggling will increase.

How will you address this?

Yours faithfully,
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

I am an Independent Retailer who currently stocks and sells tobacco.

I would like to inform you that plain packaging will have a profound effect on my business, which currently there is no proof that plain packaging will be successful.

Consumer will succeed

Government is supposed to support small independent businesses rather than always supporting large stores.

I oppose to plain packaging as there are no key benefits.

Kind Regards
Dear Mr Jeremy Hunt - Mr,

RE: PLAIN PACKAGING

I am writing to express my disapproval on plain packaging, if this is put into place, counterfeiting will sky rocket and this will affect our sales in a negative way, we rely highly on cigarette sales and we fear we may lose our business if this happens. There is no proof that plain packaging works even though it is in effect in Ireland & Canada, plain packaging is an opportunity for counterfeiters to take our revenue & the government's revenue. I am strongly against plain cigarette packaging and I hope this does not materialise.

Kind Regards

[Signature]
In regards to the standardised tobacco packaging consultation 2014

Dear Jeremy Hunt,

I [illegible] as a retailer who sells tobacco find myself to be opposed to standard/plain packaging. For the following reasons, because it would frustrate my customers as I need to spend more time serving them due to the need to try and figure out which tobacco is which. Also this change will fuel the black market in counterfeit and smuggled tobacco. As has been the effect in Australia. As it currently stands already up to 16% of cigarettes consumed in the UK are not bought in UK retail, and this will only get worse. Finally this change will add more restrictions. The tobacco display ban has not been implemented yet. Europe has just decided to ban packs of fewer than 20 cigarettes, packs of less than 30g of tobacco and menthol cigarettes.

Sincerely,
Re: Proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products

To whom it may concern,

As an independent retailer, I wish to be known that I am totally against Tobacco Plain Packaging.

As of April 2015, we will no longer be able to display tobacco products, this in itself is going to cause considerable increases in serving times, without making it more difficult to locate the product, by making them all look the same, thus making my business more vulnerable to theft.

We enforce a strong No ID policy on underage sales, as do the majority of retailers. Underage smokers can still access tobacco products from the counterfeit and non UK duty paid suppliers, perhaps if you put as much effort into controlling the sale of illegal product we would see a reduction in the sale of these products within the illicit market.

As far as I am aware, evidence from countries that have already implemented this policy, have proven that the implementation of plain packaging has not delivered the planned decreases in either the number of smokers or consumption levels.

Yours sincerely,
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

Convenience store has been trading since November 2003, during this time many changes in the tobacco industry have taken place which have been implemented by us as responsible retailers.

Next year we will be installing doors on the tobacco gantry in compliance with law to discourage underage sales. Over the years with the increased prices on tobacco and cigarettes trading has been difficult as it is without having to introduce plain packaging.

As per the findings from plain packaging being introduced in Australia we can see that plain packaging isn’t discouraging underage sales and has increased the amount of illegal tobacco in circulation there due to plain packaging being easier to counterfeit.

As a retailer, I am deeply concerned that the introduction of plain packaging will directly affect me as a small retailer in a climate where the government is supposed to be helping small businesses like ourselves thrive and continue.

Your prompt response will be much appreciated.

Yours faithfully
29-07-2014

Department of Health
Standardised Tobacco Packaging Consultation
PO Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 4NB

Dear Sir / Madam,

Legislation to Introduce plain packaging for tobacco products

As run by me, with that service station I'm operating a convenience store too. Those who come to fill the petrol on their way have to come into the store to pay for their fillings. At that time they will grab other things that they want in their daily day to day life from the store. Mostly they buy cigarettes. We heavily depend on tobacco sales for the profits. This particular legislation will disrupt our income.

If the legislation will effectively control the smoking we could support it. But it has the possibility to increase the illicit trade. There will be only one packet to counterfeit. The ease of copying will boost illicit trade in the country. Smugglers will increase the availability of tobacco comparatively at lower price. This will induce people to smoke more. Moreover children will be target by these illicit traders.

KPMG's report on Australia's plain packaging regulation witnessed the increase in the illicit tobacco sales by 13%. Please make sure that this will not happen to UK also. That's why as a retailer I oppose this legislation. Please consider the retailers' views also.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
Dear Mr. Hunt M.P.,

I must vent my anger at the new legislation coming into effect next April 2015. At a time when illegal tobacco sales are soaring, the new law will only drive our customers to the black market. I can only point out that all products — virtually covered by “health warnings” — will be obsolete, and our business will dwindle, and they threaten jobs lost, plus less tax for the exchequer.

Yours sincerely,
Dear Mr. Horseman,

I write today to ask that you do not be down on the idea of having a local garden center. As a high-generation retailer we have a strong interest in the community's health and well-being.

We are about to lose the current garden center, and local residents have already started a movement to keep it open. We believe that a new, more accessible garden center would benefit our community.

Sincerely,

Scott Horseman

P.S. I have been in touch with local businessmen about this issue.
31-7-14

FORMAL RESPONSE TO PLAIN PACK CONSULTATION

DEAR JEREMY HUNT MP,

I DO NOT WANT PLAIN PACKAGING ON CIGARETTES BECAUSE THEY WILL BE EASIER TO FORGE AND THE MARKET WILL BE FLOODED WITH FAKE CIGARETTES. ALREADY I HAVE SEEN PEOPLE WALKING AROUND CAR BOOT SALES SELLING
Tobacco pack consultation
Department of Health:

Dear Mr. Hart,

With regards to the place packaging, I consider that this will create a lot of confusion for my elderly consumers who identify these CIGs by the packaging and not by name.

I find that if a youngster wants to smoke, they will regardless of what the packaging looks like.

My consumer would like to know what they are smoking and I feel they have the right to know this.

Yours sincerely,
Tobacco Pack Consultation
Department of Health

Dear Mr. Hunt,

With regards to the above

I feel that I should get my concerns conveyed

to you.

If this were to go ahead it would

have an impact on my business in a negative

way, not just time related to stock issue

but also through the sales of illicit tobacco

from the streets surrounding my business.

I would like to express my view

on plain packaging in relation to the

encouragement of smoking.

In my twenty-five years of retailing,

I have never once witnessed any child

wanting to start smoking because of the

coloured packaging of cigarettes children start

smoking after seeing adults and their peers

doing so. Please do not impose plain packaging!

Yours sincerely,
Regards, Plain Packaging Consultant

Dear Sir/Madam,

I do not believe that Plain Packaging on Cigs will not stop people from smoking and will only encourage the illegal tobacco trade.

28/4/14
R.E.
Plain Packaging Consultation

Dear Mr Hunt,

I am opposed to anymore tobacco restrictions as it will affect my sales. There are a lot of illegal cigarettes sold in my area so this new law will only encourage the further sale of these illegal cigarettes.

As an independent retailer the above matter worries me a lot, please act upon my concerns on the matter.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
Dear Mr. Hunt,

R.O.

Plain packaging consolation:
Most of the customers will hate to decide what brand to buy.

Also, I will make saving the customers longer causing long queues.

We will not dislike your smokers
as they have longer times to pick as they were e.g., holding up the queue.

I also think it will make more

With this, I am accountable.

More work for shop assistants,

People will get fed up of waiting
and go elsewhere.

Your faithfully
Tobacco Packs Consultation
Dept. of Health
7th Floor
Waterloo Road
London

Dear Sir / Madam,

Ref. Plain Packaging Consultation.

I am opposed to this because it will effect my business. I will have to train my staff and that will cost more money and also encourage illegal sales of tobacco in my area.

I do not believe this will stop people from smoking.

Yours Sincerely
R. E. Plain Packaging Consultation.

Dear Mr. Hunt,

I think while you are turning round, trying to find the brand you are looking for — people in the shop could be thieving.

Your faithfully
To Whom It May Concern

I am Independent Retailer, we work very hard to keep our regular customers, and a lot of them are not facing plain packaging. They are not happy with the government regulation. I don't think these will make any difference (Plain Packaging).

Thanking You.

Yours Sincerely
24th July 2014

Dept of health Standardised Packaging Consultation

PO BOX 1126

Canterbury

CT1 9NB

Dear Jeremy Hunt,

I am writing to you concerning the retailers formal consultation response. I am opposed to the plain packaging policy being considered as this will have a massive impact on my business.

The sale of tobacco products encourages customers in to my shop and the restrictions of packing sizes can only encourage people to buy from illegal sources. This will also mean extra staff training will need to be incurred. This legislation will only impose more red tape and additional burdens on our business.

Please consider our concerns and help us to stay in business.

Yours Sincerely,
To Whom It May Concern:

I am the manager of a local supermarket, supplying the local community for over 20 years. I am opposed to plain packaging being introduced on tobacco products as I am of the opinion it will have a detrimental effect on my business, which is already suffering due to the introduction of shutter doors on the tobacco gantries. This has already made the serving of tobacco products more difficult and has increased waiting times at the checkouts. I believe these new measures will have no effect on the amount of people who smoke.

We already work closely with the Council regarding age related sales and I believe these proposed new measures are going to drive customers towards more illicit ways of obtaining tobacco products, therefore resulting in a loss to the Revenue.

Regards
Jeremy Hunt MP
Dept of Health
7th Floor
Wellington House
133-135 Waterloo Road
London
SW1Y 4DG

Dear Mr. Hunt,

I write in response to the plain packaging consultation which I believe is a totally unnecessary piece of regulation and a burden on our business.

Plain packaging will most definitely increase the illicit tobacco trade, which will lead to less footfall in my shop and less turnover.

Yours Sincerely,
Re: Proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products

To whom it may concern,

'As an independent retailer, I wish it to be known that I am totally against Tobacco Plain Packaging.

As of April 2015, we will no longer be able to display tobacco products, this in itself is going to cause considerable increases in serving times, without making it more difficult to locate the product by making them all look the same, thus making my business more vulnerable to theft.

We enforce a strong No ID policy on underage sales, as do the majority of retailers. Underage smokers can still access tobacco products from the counterfeit and non UK duty paid supplies, perhaps if you put as much effort into controlling the sale of illegal product we would see a reduction in the sale of these products within the illicit market.

As far as I am aware, evidence from countries that have already implemented this policy, have proven that the implementation of plain packaging has not delivered the planned decreases in either the number of smokers or consumption levels.

Yours sincerely,
Dear Sir,

With regard to your proposed laws regarding the bedding, I wish to protest. This is likely to mean increased costs to the owners of the beds and reduced living standards and comfort to the people in question.

Small business bears the brunt of these extra costs and suffers inconvenience because of red tape. You should...
Mr J Hunt  
Secretary Of State For Health  
House Of Commons  
London  
SW1A 0AA

30 July 2014

Dear Mr Hunt,

RE: CIGARETTE/ TOBACCO BRANDING

I acknowledge the requirement and potential benefits from the move to a "dark" cigarette and tobacco gantry. However, in my opinion, the removal of cigarette and tobacco product specific branding will have a detrimental impact upon my business to include:

A. Time inefficiencies due to staff uncertainty regarding where a specific product is located.
B. The requirement for time and money to be spent on staff training will lead to reduced sales of said products. This will result in a loss of net profit, in a difficult trading climate. Such a scenario may also result in a reduction of staffing levels.

I would respectfully request that said products continue to be branded.

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]

Director
81st July 2014

To Jeremy Hunt.

Dear Sir,

I am formally writing to you about the proposed change of cigarettes to plain packaging. This change will cause great problems in our small family owned business, we are already overburdened with red tape by government policies, and it is crippling our business. We may lose more sales and have to implement more training policies and confuse our already diminishing customer base. I implore you to act carefully before any decision is made.

Yours, Faithfully
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

I am writing to you in regards of the plain package consultation response. I have many concerns about the plain package cigarette. I believe if this does go ahead, we are inviting criminals to take advantage of the Tobacco industry. As this will result in making it easier for them to produce counterfeit tobacco products. This will have a bad effect on our customers as well as relations. Many of my customers have also raised their concern as they know they will no longer be able to know what they are smoking. It will also affect many businesses who are already feeling heavy effects of the economy, as this will likely decrease their sale or make more people turn to an alternative like e-cigarettes. As we have already seen in Australia, this good intention plan can have a very negative effect. I hope you take these matters into consideration when you decide whether to go ahead with the idea or not. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Department of Health
Standardised Tobacco Packaging
PO Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

Ref: Formal Consultation Response

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

As a retailer who sells tobacco, I am opposed to the standardised/plain packaging based on my assessment of the direct adverse impact that such a regulation would cause to my business.

Primarily, such regulation could mean a rise in counterfeiters being easily able to copy the plain packaging leading to anti-competitive lowering of prices by our competitors who might use such products and thus leading us to lose out on the market share in the locality. Moreover, this could lead to frustrated customers not only because of a potential increase in time required to give them the right product as they would all look exactly the same, but it could also lead to mis-packing or mis-selling of certain products leading to a loss or an argument with a customer who bought a wrong product or paid the wrong price. The introduction of this law would lead to a lot of unidentified practical problems on the shop floor.

Finally, I would like to say that introducing the plain packaging policy which in no way is a health policy or scientifically determined deterrence to smoking not only limits information to consumers and causes a big inconvenience to shop owners but also increases unnecessary regulation in an already over-regulated industry leading to more introduction costs to either consumers or tax-payers. Hence, I am staunchly opposed to the introduction of this policy and hope you will take my comments on board and reassess the costs and benefits before introducing it.

Yours Faithfully
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Tobacco Plain Packaging

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am in total disagreement with the proposal to make all tobacco products have plain packaging. The following points are just a few reasons why this ridiculous idea should be stopped:

- Detrimental to my business
- Massive increase in counterfeit products
- Loss in government revenue
- Proven to be unsuccessful in Australia

Sincerely,
Dear Jenny Hunt mp

I am writing in relation to the plain packaging of cigarettes. I believe this will affect my business and also lead to public buying and trading in counterfeit tobacco.

28/7/14
31st July 19

F.A.O. Mr. Bob Woot.

Sir,

The introduction of plain packaging on tobacco products is, in my opinion, a big step in the wrong direction. As a retailer, we will have to commit more time in ensuring tobacco products are hidden from the public view until they are placed behind closed doors in the tobacco unit. This will take staff away from their main duties in a busy and demanding retail environment.

However, the most obvious issue in plain packaging is the potential for smuggling of contraband products. In a border area like ours, we are constantly battling against competitors who may sell these smuggled products to any willing customer! This greatly affects our turnover as not only are they not coming into our store but they are also selling other items like food and drinks from the contraband cigarettes. As a small retailer, I would ask you not to take such a big step in this very wrong direction.

Yours
DEAR JEREMY HUNT M.P.

This is in response to Plain Packaging Consultation.

This will greatly affect my business as people will down trade and illegal tobacco will come again more widely available.

I am totally against Plain Packaging at this now or in the future.

Yours sincerely,
RETAILER'S FORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

As a newsagent for over 30 years I fail to understand the current government thinking on 'Plain Packaging' and the new legislation on going dark due to come in to operation next year. Being a responsible retailer no facts or figures have shown me that either covering up or going plain packaging will result in smokers stopping smoking. It is my view these moves will only force people down the road of purchasing illicit product.

We have already seen this happen over the last number of years. Constant price increases have forced many of our customers to look for cheap tobacco from illegal sources.
And I believe that this will only increase when we go dark and escalate if plain packaging where to be introduced.

Our business has already seen this happen over past few years. Significant price increases have forced many of our customers to look for cheap counterfeit product which becomes more and more available as more restrictions are put on the legal trade. It will be too easy for the criminal world to copy plain packaging.

I currently employ thirty five members of staff but as our turnover and profits fall, I fear for the future of my staff, I urge all people involved in producing the legislation to think again on plain packaging. Create an environment for responsible retailers rather than pushing this business further and further towards the black market.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

District President NFRN Northern Ireland
29 July 2014

Mr David Cameron
10 Downing Street
London
SW1A 2AA

Dear Mr Cameron,

We are a small independent retailer who sells tobacco and we are writing to express our opposition to plain packaging of tobacco.

As you will be aware, a four-month government consultation in 2012 resulted in over 635,000 responses, with a substantial majority (427,888) opposed to the policy. We urge you to respect the outcome of that consultation which members of the public responded to in good faith.

There is no credible evidence that children start smoking because of the packaging, or that 'plain' packaging will deter children from smoking. Speculation and conjecture are no substitute for hard facts.

Plain packaging would fuel the black market in counterfeit and smuggled tobacco. This has been the effect in Australia and the evidence of such is well documented. Already up to 15% of cigarettes consumed in the UK are not bought in UK retail and if this would get worse.

Before pressing ahead with legislation we urge you to wait until government has studied the impact of the tobacco display ban, which will not be fully implemented until 2015, and the introduction of larger health warnings which are being introduced in 2016 as part of the EU’s revised Tobacco Products Directive.

Yours sincerely,
To

TOBACCO PACKAGING CONSULTATION
DEPT OF HEALTH

TO MR. HUNT

REF:Plain Packaging Consultation

I think it will be a BAD IDEA for smokers and customers as well.

As we have done to customers and they told us it will be a BAD IDEA for them.

Your faithfully,

[Signature]
To Jeremy Hunt MP,

I am an independent [redacted] retailer and I am writing in response to current consultation on Plain packaging for Tobacco products.

I feel that yet again this is another burden being placed on small businessmen like myself as all this will do is drive more people towards the purchase of illegal tobacco especially when they are due to be covered before 6th April 2015 so we have not even seen the effect of this new regulation but you are trying to impose another. The Government is supposed to be helping small shops but this is certainly not what I would call helping. I feel that all this will also do is reduce the footfall of my shops and therefore have a negative effect on my business when my outgoings are not going down at the same time.

I have read reports from Australia that indicates that illicit trade has increased significantly since they have introduced plain packaging so surely this makes no sense to proceed as most criminals tend not to worry what age their customers are but we have to quite rightly so ID anyone who we believe not to be 18 or over.

I hope that you take note of my points for consideration?

Regards
Dear Jeremy Hunt,

This letter is in response to the plain packaging consultation. As a small business, I strongly oppose this as it will affect my business in loss of margin due to down trading and increase in illegal tobacco.
Dear Sir/Madam

I am a retailer who sells tobacco, and I am opposed to the standardization of tobacco packaging. I fully believe the extra restrictions on selling tobacco will have no added benefit.

Firstly counterfeit tobacco products, which already have a big effect on my sales, will increase dramatically, just as in Australia.

Secondly this new legislation is being discussed before the implementation of the tobacco display ban. We must wait for this to come into force, before we discuss any further legislation. This will not be productive or fair on traders to add another layer of legislation.

Thirdly my customers will have to spend an enormous amount of time waiting to be served.

Thank you for reading this letter.
Dear Sir,

If Plain packs is coming to place then my business will suffer. Kids will start smoking and I do not know what they'll do. Please can we stick to normal pack.
I think it will fuel black market in Daddy's guns plus smuggling. It will affect my business. It will come me more tension. Then servicing my customers because it takes time. I have seen it in Supermarket.
To whom it may concern,

As you already know these are difficult times with hard competitors but specially for small retailers. Tobacco is a big part of our business and the government seems to be adding to the problem instead of trying to alleviate the stresses. Plain packaging will most certainly cause smokers to downbrand to cheaper brands and hurt us financially. It will not have the effect the government intends. It will also increase illegal tobacco trade and that will have a very detrimental effect on the business.

How many more small businesses do you need to have closed down before you satisfy the big supermarket CEOs?

Regards,
Jeremy Hunt MP
Tobacco Pack consultation
Dept of Health
London
SE1 7UG

Dear Jeremy Hunt,

This is a direct response to the plain packaging consultation, which I totally disagree with.

The introduction of plain packs will increase red tape and make life more difficult for me and my staff, when serving and selling cigarettes. Serving a customer when all the packs are the same colour and the writing is so small will take much longer than a branded pack and the cost of training staff will also increase. In addition, this will lead to an increase in counterfeit cigarettes which will lead to lost footfall and consequently lost revenue.

Health warnings will already ensure that ninety percent of the pack and think this is a sufficient warning.

Yours Sincerely
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

I am not agree with packaging. My business will suffer, and smuggling will increase.
Dear Sir

This is a letter against the enforcement of plain packing in cigarettes.

Please consider bringing this law to the UK, as a shop retailer in Scotland we follow many different laws carrying out our business, cigarettes already are taxed very highly and in a few months we have to cover up our displays, the introduction of plain packaging will encourage people to down trade to cheaper brands harming our profits, criminals who sell illegally don't care who they sell to whereas we have lots of laws we need to abide by each day.

31-07-2014
Dear Sir,

I have a business in Lanarkshire, Scotland and feel the need to respond to the tobacco controls on tobacco plain packs. This would have a very negative effect on my business and lead to customers going elsewhere to 'illegal' cigarettes at a fraction of the price. My staff would also find it difficult to find brands on the shelf.

From
Dear Jeremy Hunt M.P.

I am writing with regards to the plain packaging consultation. I am strongly opposed to this as it will lead to an increase in illegal tobacco which will affect my footfall & margin. Please do not go through with this excusable and ridiculous measure.

Yours Sincerely
Dear [Name],

I am writing in response to the consultation on plain packaging. I would like you to be aware of what effect this will have on my business. A loss of footfall & margin as people moved down to cheaper brands or increase in illegal tobacco.

For these reasons, I am totally against the proposed tobacco plain packaging either now or in the future.

Yours sincerely,
STAEDISED TOBACCO PACKAGING CONSULTATION

31st July 2012

Dear Sir,

I object to the idea of plain packs on cigarettes and tobacco.

I am a city centre shop who sells a lot of cigarettes. The transaction times which will increase and the extra staff training I will have to give my staff will have a negative effect on my business and my profits.

I also feel that counterfeit trade will also increase and around my area it is already out of hand.

Yours Sincerely,
Dear Jeremy Hunkeles,

We are against plain packaging because all cigarettes will look the same, customers will get confused in name, price and will affect the sales of expensive brands, the customers and us will not know the quality. In contrast and banning, we will find it hard to explain to them, on what cigarette to have or buy, it will be very confusing for us all and very time consuming.
Dear Jeremy Hunt

This is a formal response to the consultation on plain packaging for Tobacco products.

I am an independent retailer and I am writing to express my opinions on this subject as I feel that it will make no difference to the volume of sales like the introduction of health warnings didn't. Introducing this will just add more work for our self in terms of staff training and serving time.

As I hope you are aware, the Government said that they are trying to help the smaller businesses but all this is likely to do is drive more customers to the black market for tobacco thus having an effect on my business as Tobacco sales account for about 30% of my sales, this I believe has been proven in Australia.

I hope that you consider my opinions as I am an experienced retailer who has seen minimal change in Tobacco sales despite all the recently implemented regulations.

Regards
Dear Sir/Madam

This is a formal response to the current consultation on plain packaging for Tobacco products.

As an independent retailer in a forecourt and I feel strongly that the above should not be introduced in the UK as it has already been proven in Australia that it does not work and that all it has done has driven consumer to the cheapest product and to illicit trade which does not benefit either me as a retailer for the Government due to the high amount of duty on a packet of cigarettes.

This also has an impact on serving time in store as well as the training I will have to give to my staff.

I feel that yet again this is another burden being placed on us small businesses when things are difficult enough and hope that you will consider my thoughts.

Regards
28th July 2014

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am an independent retailer, running a newsagents from premises at the above address and I'm writing to oppose your proposal for plain packaging for tobacco products, as I think this will increase the illicit trade of these products and in turn criminal activities will rise even more.

Yours faithfully
Dear Sir

- Standardised Packaging of Tobacco
  - The plain packets for Tobacco will have a big impact on my business.
  - There will be an increase in counterfeit trade plus one waiting time will be increased as my staff my and work out which pack is which. This will mean an increase in costs for training staff, and a decrease in profit.

Please leave the packs alone.

Yours Sincerely
24 July 2011

Ref: Standard Packaging Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam

I strongly oppose the introduction of plain packs on cigarettes. I am an independent retailer, who struggles to maintain a profit. I believe plain packs will have a negative effect on my business.

It will reduce the footfall within my shop thus reducing profit plus it will increase the counterfeit trade in tobacco and reduce the legitimate trade.

Please stop this now.

Yours sincerely
30th July 14,

Re: Plain Cigarette Packaging

Dear Sir,

I am totally against the move to make Tobacco in Plain Packaging.

The move will increase the counterfeit stock around the area, therefore decreasing profit from my shop.

Please leave the cigarettes alone.

Yours Sincerely
RE: PLAIN PACKAGING CONSULTATION

Dear Mr. Hunt,

I am a retailer who does not want plain packaging as I think it won't have any effect on people smoking, because they will still smoke. My sales are very high in my small store.

Yours [Signature]
25th July 2014

Tobacco Packs Consultation

Department of Health
7th Floor
Wellington House
133-155 Waterloo Road
London
SE1 8UG

Dear Sire,

I am concerned about the introduction of plain packaging because increase in illegal tobacco it will be hard to spot forges loss of my profit margins due to customers down trading because of no brand loyalty and it will take a lot longer for myself and staff to serve because it will be hard to identify the brands.

Yours Sincerely,
29.07.2014

Tobacco Pack Control

Department of Health

2nd Floor

Wellington House

133-155 Westminster Rd

London

SW1 I DO

Dear Sir,

We are concerned about the introduction of plain packaging, as this will increase the selling of illegal tobacco. It will be hard to sell
forges and more importantly, this is going to reduce my profit.

Hence, this will also take longer to distinguish between brands.

Hence, you take my views into consideration.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]
To whom it may concern,

I am an independent retailer and have been for 30 years.

I am writing to express my great concern regarding the proposal of plain packaging. The reasons I am concerned are as follows:

- RDB becomes active as of 6th April 2015 this will ensure tobacco products are already covered.
- The new legislation will ensure tobacco products are covered at 65% of the packet therefore making the packets plain on top of this would cause more problems identifying the products.
- Cost more as staff will require more training to identify new packets.
- More counterfeit as it will just make it easier to counterfeit the product.
- Loss of trade due to more black market goods being sold which is already a battle and struggle for all retailers to face daily.
- Evidence from Australia already indicates a negative impact on the tobacco and retail industry due to easy access to black market goods.
As a retailer we work with the government by paying the high tax on cigarettes and tobacco and support the no underage selling.

Loss of customers means less margins will result in more independent stores closing down, more unemployed, more empty shops.

Yours Sincerely
Dear Mr. Hank,

I am writing to you with great concern. The release of plain packaging has had a significant impact. In an attempt to smuggle products, our staff has also encountered issues about the amount of time it will take to serve our customers as all packaging will blend into one. Also, with the reduction in price, this will only increase the amount of cigarettes that people will smoke, as instead of buying 10 or 19, 30 will be the normal quantity.

Yours sincerely,
RE: Plain Packaging Consultation

Plan packing more product for retailers. It will take more time to scan containers and find the right brand.

Plain packaging increases illegal trade and greatly cause loss of revenue.
DEPT OF HEALTH
STANDARDISED PACKAGING CONSULTATION
P.O. Box 1126
CONCERNED
CT 17-11

Ref: Plane Packing Consultation

DEAR SIR/MADEMS,

Introducing Plain Packaging will adversely affect businesses.
Plain Packaging will cause more problems for retailers.
It will take extra time to find a right
Brand unless we are busy time, and
it will see increase illegal trade.
Dept of Health

Standardised Packaging Consultation

P.O. Box 4426
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

Date 28-7-14

Re: Plain packaging consultation.

Plain packaging make more problem for retailers. It take more time to serve 
customer and find the right brand.

Plain packaging increase illegal trade 
and government lose revenue.

I think this is not good idea.
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN!

I AM AN INDEPENDENT RETAILER THAT OVERLOOKS A BEST PART OF OUR 8 SHOPS OUT OF A TOTAL OF 10.

WHAT I CANT UNDERSTAND IS THE AWKWARD PROPOSITION OF SOME LOONY EURO BUREAUCRATS TRYING TO INTRODUCE PLAIN PACKAGING CIGARETTES JUST SO THAT CHILDREN & ALIENS ARE NOT STARTING UP SMOKING THUS FAR NOT EATING SMOKY AT NHS BUDGET IN SOME 20 YEARS TIME, ALTHOUGH NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE HAS FOUND OTHERWISE.

YOU MAY LIKE TO TAKE NOTE THAT IN THE WHOLE OF INDIA!! THERE IS ONLY 1 STATE THAT HAS BANNED ALCOHOL SALE. THIS STATE IS GUJARAT.

IT IS ALSO NOTING THE FACT THAT GUJARAT CONSUMES YEAR ALCOHOL THAN ANY OTHER STATE IN INDIA.

ENOUGH SAID

Yours Sincerely
Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to protest against the standardisation of packaging consultation.

As an independent retailer we rely on tobacco to generate costall and for cash flow and profit. Standardised packaging will encourage illicit trade and black market trading.
Dear Sir Madam

I am writing to voice my concern regarding standardized packaging consultation.

As a retailer, I rely predominantly on tobacco sales for profit turnover of my business. By bringing in standardized packaging, this will affect all retail business and tobacco sales in a negative way and encourage illegal trading and counterfeiting.
I object to the new position as I feel it will encourage criminals to make false cigarette and drug pretend legible results.
I object to plain packaging because it will have a huge negative effect on my business.

3/17/14
On their business since:

I strongly recommend that you decide wisely and consider (especially) the benefits this would have on small retailers like myself if the project was declined.

Regards,
Date:

Re: Plain Pack Consultation

I would urge the government to reconsider the plain packaging proposals, as I believe that this would lead to a major increase in the black market as demonstrated in Australia.

I also believe that this will impact my business as it will take longer for staff to identify the brands, leading to a longer time to serve my customers. It will be much easier for the criminal gangs to copy plain packs which will affect my turnover and duty revenue.
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

I am against the introduction of plain packaging and making the minimum pack size greater. This would affect small independent retailers massively due to illicit trade, meaning less footfall in our shops and ultimately, loss of business.

This is a formal consultation response from me, an independent retailer.
Dear Madam,

Introducing plain packaging will increase the time spent in order to serve customers. Also, it will increase in illicit trade so government will lose the revenue. It will be very hard to tell the difference between the brands. Not to mention the display. It is coming to effect next year.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

31/07/2014
Re: Plain Package Consultants

To whom it may concern, I would like to put my concerns across on plain paper. As you can hear, it seems that almost every person can read suffolk and the columns help. I myself is dyslexic and the columns help me to serve and do my job. Secondly, with the start of the new year, I have taken it all re-arrange the time it takes to serve the customers which will result in the time of the day. Open your which will only meet. The result for the book is the first place.

[Signature]
Department of Health
Standardised Package Consultation
P.O. Box 1126
Canberra, ACT 2601
CT 2116

Dear Sir/Madam

Plan Packaging Consultation

The introduction of plain packaging will adversely affect businesses because it will be so easy for the cheap cigarette illicit trade to copy it like a licence to print money to their people.

Small businesses are constantly hampered with high fees, taxes, and other trade just adds to the burden.

This plain packaging has been proven totally ineffective in reducing smoking and giving Australia's figures have recently proved this.

Give us legitimate small businesses a chance!

Sincerely

[Signature]

[Name]
Dear Jeremy Hunt, MP

This is a formal complaint. Because I own a successful business in shopping, and I’m doing great, get a license for other shops around the area. Anyway enough about me. I heard that plain packaging on cigarettes will be coming soon, to me it seems absolutely ridiculous. Not for ever thought of a plan like that and tax are my. Please why?

Make our seats more clothed

Best of Sales

Best of Sales mean we. Start I employ will be expected

Pleasant work in Australia & London Peter

Cigarette trade will be more in demand already it moves in for Plain Packaging will have adverse effect on local business.

Pleasant will dear

By the time I decide it will get better. Men in my class said that.

Thank you for listening to the Coal and plan also to be effective.

Can done my best, your plans sure?

Your, Broome
Dear Jeremy Hunt,

With regard to the proposed plan on packaging legislation, I would like to raise the following points:

(i) The display ban has not even come into force for small shops like you are forcing every store to reduce.

(ii) Bills for packaging is unnecessarily as health warnings will already increase under the EU directive.

(iii) The government is supposed to be simplifying, not imposing more red tape.

(iv) Removing branding makes it easier for criminals to copy, this reduces the fear of profit in my business. Criminals don't pay tax and don't care about age of consumer.

Please stop this legislation and follow your party's mandate to help small businesses.

Yours faithfully,
29th/06/90

Tobacco Retailers Consultation
Department of Health

2nd Floor

Wellington House
133-155 Queen Victoria Street
London

SE1 6AZ

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am against the 1990. COTTON OF PLAN. 

Because

- Loss of Sales due to illegal trade.
- Staff confusion and time of service = loss of profit.
- Loss of Brand loyalty, some brands make me more money, so I will loose my earnings.
- I feel you are punishing small businesses.

A COTTAGE RETAILER
26th July 2019

Tobacco Policy Consultations
Department of Health
7th Floor
Wellington House
115-119 Waterlooe Road
London
SE1 7BB

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to convey my concerns over the proposed legislation regarding flavoured aerosol products. I feel that it will encourage illicit trade in our area and effect my business. Also it would take more time for myself to serve customers and drive down profits because of loss of client loyalty. It will effect my business profit and customer footfall.

Yours Sincerely - Retailer
To Whom It May Concern

Subject: Proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products.

We have been in the convenience store trade for 32+ years and have seen the highs and the current lows. Prices have never been so high and people are still purchasing them. The problem has also gone underground with people buying black market or counterfeit goods. The loss has been incurred not only by the shopkeepers, but by the government as well. Losing revenue.

To make matters worse, there is no evidence to say that plain packaging will make any difference. In the San newspaper dated 31/7/14, on page 23 it states that sales in Australia have gone up.

Lastly, the confusion that staff will have serving customers cannot be understated. Everything looks the same. Will we ever really differentiate between them. It is bad enough as it is considering we want to know where the products are anywhere.

Yours sincerely
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

Response to Plain Packaging Consultation

I am an independent retailer, who has owned stores for the last 6 years.

Plain packaging is an unnecessary regulation. Health warnings will increase to 65% of the pack under the EU Tobacco Products Directive, with effect from 6th April 2016. All tobacco products will comply with the retail display ban. Therefore only smokers aged 18 or over will see the tobacco products.

There will be a direct impact on my business, increasing transaction times and providing extra training to staff.

Evidence from Austria indicates an increase in the illicit tobacco trade. This will have a huge impact on the revenue collected by the government.
I strongly oppose plain packaging on tobacco products for the reasons stated above.

Owner
OBJECT TO Plain Packaging
Department of Health
Box 1126
Canterbury CT1 9NB

Re: Plain Packaging Consultation.

The introduction of plain packaging can have an adverse effect on my business in an already hard trading period. It or when the packs go plain the supply of illegal tobacco will rise, the ability to copy and distribute them will be much greater for criminals. It has been proven in other markets that plain packaging has not been an cost reducing to the government and businesses.
RE: TOBACCO PACKS CONSULTATION

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

7th Floor
WELLENGTON HOUSE
133-135 WATERLOO ROAD
LONDON
SE1 8UG

20th July 2014

DEAR JEROY HUNT MP,

I am writing to you as an honest, hard-working retailer of your tobacco products, dedicated to my local customers and community here in Southend-on-Sea.

I, my staff, and my customers strongly believe that the proposed measures on this important aspect of our small businesses will do absolutely nothing to protect or respect
TOBACCO PURCHASES IN THE UK. I also believe that
the evidence present from countries such as Australia
Canada show that these proposed changes will
have no effect on tobacco sales and the
age at which people start smoking.

What the proposed legislation will do is raise the
smoking, increase prices and subsequently destroy our
whole controlled and responsible sale of tobacco products.

As we can see from the drug controls within the
UK, it is clear that criminals do not worry about
the law or their customers!!! Where resources will
head to ensure that tobacco is sold to only people
of the correct age (18)?

As an important part of our local community and
an employer of 10 full-time staff we cannot
sustain more confiscation orders placed upon our
high street!!!

We are appealing to you to protect our small but
innovative businesses (who are not to you!!!) and resist
from imposing such ill-judged measures.
Yours Sincerely,

[Name]

Regarding my concern
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP, this is a formal consultation response to the plain packaging!
I am against this because it will:
- Effect my sales
- Fuel illegal sales
- Serve time for my customers
- May cause tension between staff & customer
- Cause extra stress for owners & staff if giving wrong cigarettes to the customer.
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

Response to the Standardised Tobacco Packaging Consultation 2014.

I am a self employed retailer who sells tobacco.

I am opposed to standardised/plain packaging as it would:

- Fuel the black market in counterfeit and smuggled tobacco. This has been the effect in Australia. Already, up to 15% of cigarettes consumed in the UK are not bought in UK retail and this will get worse.
- Frustrate my customers as I need to spend more time serving them.
- Add more restrictions. The tobacco display ban is not even implemented yet. Europe has just decided to ban packs of fewer than 20 cigarettes. Packs of less than 25g tobacco and menthol cigarettes.

Yours sincerely,
Dear Sir/Madam,

Standard Packing

I am writing to you as an independent retailer who is greatly concerned about the proposed standardising of cigarette packaging.

These steps that are being taken, whilst driven by the health lobbyists, are going to be of great detriment to myself and fellow retailers. My concerns are the amount of illicit trade that will flood the market, line a till point and most importantly LOST PROFITS.

I am strongly against restricting a market which is already heavily legislated.

Yours sincerely,
To whom it may concern,

Please do not go ahead with the standard packaging of cigarettes in the UK. My business is made up of 50% tobacco sales and I will be unable to operate within this environment. My footfall will drop drastically and as I work on my own I will not have the time to mess around looking for packets that all look the same.

There is a lot of fake cigarettes around my shop which is already affecting my business and this is only going to make it worse.

Your sincerely

[Signature]
Standard Packs

My family have been in the independent trade for over 30 years and we have seen a lot of changes in this time with regards smoking.

Our business is based in a council estate where we are busy throughout the day. Our main source of business is cigarette sales which doesn't make a good margin but, it brings the customer over the door. If plain packaging was to come in my profits are going to drop as due to the number of people coming through the doors I won't have the time to scan a unit looking. Also staff may sell the wrong product which is going to take up more of my time. Obviously if all packs are the same size it is going to make it easier to copy and sell anything in it.

We as retailers have already had to accept the covering of the units: This is a step to far, for the sake of livelihood's this cannot be considered.

Yours hopefully
Department of Health
Headquarters Building
Constitution
Box 1196
Canterbury
CT1 7HE

To: Your Address
By: July 7th

I have 2 recent concerns regarding the import from Tanzania:
① The impact that it will have on our business, by the end of the year it will be behind the product and increase the time taken to reach customers.
② The increase of illegal tobacco will happen at the factories and be easier to copy and make. Not only will this impact my business, the government's revenue, but also the regulations of the anti-smoking.
Tobacco Packs
Department Of Health
7th Floor.
Wellington House
London
SE1 8UG

Dear Sir/Madam:

I just wanted to voice my concerns about the cigarette gantry going dark in April 2015.

Not only is this going to increase queue times at the counter but it will also affect sales. It's also going to cost us retailers to make sure all our staff are fully trained and up to date with the legislation and to make sure they understand there legal responsibilities. All of this cost and time and responsibility will be put on on retailers in an already difficult trading time and for someone like myself who is a multi site operator this is going to be an expensive and time consuming process to make sure it is done properly. Not only do I think this is unfair but totally unnecessary as I don't think it will stop people from smoking nor deter them. I think it will push more people to the black market to obtain cigarettes rather than purchase them in Convenience Stores.

We are not only fitting the doors to the gantry but you are also trying to make the packaging plain is simply just going to make the retailer's life even more difficult for us possibly needing more staff to cope with the extending waiting times and queues that this will incorporate and I don't think it will stop or deter people from smoking. I just feel as though this huge change with have a massive impact and burden on us retailers and am not at all happy about it.

Kind Regards,
Tobacco Packs Consultation
Department of Health
7th Floor
Wellington House
133-135 Waterloo Road
LONDON
SE1 1UG

28 July 2014

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

 Formal consultation response

My company is a small independent company, we are retailers in the news and convenience. Has a small local business we rely on tobacco and newspapers to generate footfall. By generally complying with tobacco legislation and make very low profits out of handling tobacco products responsibly. Has a retailer we share a desire in improving public health and comply with regulations on the sale of tobacco, this also includes selling non tobacco alternatives. This is time consuming but there will always be a widespread of consumer desire to buy tobacco and we want to sustain and meet consumer needs and not send them elsewhere.

As shopkeepers we have lots of rules and regulations to follow as we sell a wide range of other products and services. We need less red tape, not more.

Introducing Standardised packaging would firstly take longer to locate the packs because all of them will be same colour and writing so small and will take much longer to locate the pack for the consumer, secondly an increase in errors will occur the customer will bring the product back to exchange for the one they wanted. Lastly it will increase in transaction times and has a retailer when purchasing from wholesalers to stock up it will increase in transaction times and time consuming or even when customers want to purchase a pack it will increase in transaction times too. Has a retailer I think Packaging has never been identified as the reason people choose or continue to smoke.

Yours Sincerely
To whom it may concern,

I am an independent SPAR retailer in Cardiff City centre and would like to voice my opposition to the introduction of Tobacco Plain Packaging.

My store has a sales floor of 850 square foot with weekly sales of around £22,000 of which tobacco products make up over 30% of sales. It shouldn't be very difficult for you to imagine the impact that Tobacco Plain Packaging will have on my business and livelihood.

Overheads for my business are already extremely high and the only costs I can realistically control are wage costs. I employ seven local people and I can envisage myself cutting hours or even cutting my staff head count, which requires me to therefore work even longer hours myself. I have a young family and work extremely hard to support my family as best as possible. I would like you to appreciate the true cost and impact on businesses of your proposal to introduce Tobacco Plain Packaging.

Myself and all of my staff have completed the SPAR Academy Training course on Age Related Sales and I can confidently say that we are very diligent to whom we supply tobacco products. If you cared to spend a week working in a convenience store, you would find that very few children actually attempt to purchase tobacco products - they spend all their pocket money on soft drinks, confectionery and collectable toys such as foam bands. The few who do attempt to purchase are almost always from a lower socio-demographic class, so can I suggest that the government focuses its resources on repelling the welfare culture before persecuting hardworking retailers like myself.

May I also suggest that the introduction of Tobacco Plain Packaging will also add fire to the already out of control illicit trade, which in South Wales is particularly severe. Tobacco Plain Packaging will confuse my staff and also confuse and upset my customers, which will no doubt tempt them to purchase from illicit traders.

Can I also urge you to take note of the preliminary results from a similar policy in Australia, where so far there is no evidence that plain packaging has led to a decline in tobacco sales. I would ask that the Department of Health awaits the official results from the Australian government's review in December 2014 before making a decision on Tobacco Plain Packaging?
Dear Sir/Madam,

I manage an independent retail store. I feel the plain packaging we use currently causes problems all round. Ultimately, involving more time involved in each sale with the knock on effect of needing more staff. I would feel by branding everything together in slim packaging would only make it easier to counterfeit items.

I can only assume by making something less recognisable would only allow it to become insignificant and therefore harder to control.
Dear Mr. Jeremy Hunt MP,

Consultation responses

I am opposed to standardized plain packaging and it would be very difficult to reconcile the packet of tobacco which would I am looking

the concerned area which takes billions per year the consumer. The sales of the tobacco will be
down and there will be over in black market which
is not very good for the revenue and the economic
for the country.

Yours sincerely,
DEAR JEREMY HUNT M.P.
TOBACCO PACKAGING
CONSULTATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
7TH FLOOR. WELLINGTON HOUSE
133-155 WATERLOO ROAD. LONDON SE1 7PB

I HAVE ASKED MANY OF OUR CUSTOMERS AND STAFF, IF IT WOULD STOP THEM BUYING CIGARETTES IF THE PACKAGING WAS ALL ONE COLOUR. THEY HAVE ALL 100% SAID NO. WILL THE PRICE STOP YOU, THEY ALL 100% SAID NO. WILL PICTURES OF DEAD BABIES ON THE PACKAGING, THEY ALL SAID 100% NO. WHEN ASKED WOULD THEY LIKE THE GOVERNMENT AND POLICE TO STOP PEOPLE SELLING CIGARETTES TO CHILDREN ON THE STREETS, THEY ALL SAID 100% YES. WHEN ASKED WOULD YOU LIKE THE GOVERNMENT TO STOP MOTHERS BUYING AND GIVING CIGARETTES TO THEIR CHILDREN, THEY ALL SAID 100% YES. SO WHY DO THE GOVERNMENT STOP SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS, BY KEEP PUTTING NEW HURDLES AND EXPENSES IN OUR WAY. ALL SMALL BUSINESS ARE FIGHTING TO SURVIVE EVERY DAY WITH COSTS LIKE, RENT, COUNCIL TAX, VAT, TAX. SO PLEASE HELP US BY LEAVING THINGS ALONE, AND DO THE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE, ON THE STREETS. BECAUSE IF WE HAVE TO CLOSE, THE GOVERNMENT RECEIVE A LOT OF TAX FROM JUST OUR CIGARETTE SALES ALONE. SO IF YOU ASK THE GOVERNMENT, WOULD YOU LIKE...
To loose the tax from cigarettes sales, I am sure they will 100% say no.
Response to consultation

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

I am fed up trying to make an honest living in the retail trade when all you politicians keep coming up with ideas to make my life harder.

I do not sell to under 18 year olds and introducing plain packets will not stop children smoking because the black market will increase and they do sell to under 18s.

Yours Sincerely,
Dear Sir,

I have lost loads of customers due to cigarettes and tobacco being sold on the black market re. 50g of Golden Virginia £3.00
125g £2.00

How can we compete with these smugglers.

If plain packs come in it will only get worse.

Please treat this as a formal response to the plain packing consultation.
DEAR Jeremy Hunt M.P.

This is a writing to The Consultation on the cigarette packet.
I run a general store in Northfield and sell a great deal of cigarettes.
I find that the sales of cigarette sales do bring in custom money.
I believe that this legislation will increase
black market trading and reduce my business and profits.
and criminals don't care who they sell to.
So more children will end up getting
a cigarette. I am concerned about my livelihood and future business prospects.
Please have us will more. Your sincerely
Dear James Hearn M. J.

PRPOSE DRAIN PASSAGE AT BROWN

I don't think plain pedaling will stop people smoking, or that branded cigarettes that we already have will make people stop. It will just make the food bankers looking for the customer regular.

I also think it will open the flood gates for more illicit cigarettes, especially many out on the streets. I want food at

Fareham.

Yours sincerely.
To whom it may concern,

I oppose plain packaging, as I fear it will bring more counterfeit cigarettes to the market, which will affect all independent traders.

Forecourt manager.
To whom it may concern,

I object to plain packaging, due to the likelihood of increased counterfeit sales that are likely to take place; this will decrease demand and then sales through the undocumented trend.

Yours
25 July 2014

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

Response to Plain packaging Consultation

I am an independent retailer who has owned this store for the last 10 years. Plain packaging will have a direct impact on my business, increasing transaction times and providing extra training to staff. Evidence from Australia indicates an increase in the illegal tobacco trade. I always ensure tobacco products are sold to people aged 18 or over. Caminda does not.

Plain packaging is an unnecessary regulation. Health warning will increase to 65% of the pack in May 2016 and the retail display ban next April will ensure the products are only seen by consumers making a choice to purchase tobacco.

I strongly oppose plain packaging.
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

Consultation on Standardised packaging of Tobacco products.

I am an independent retailer who has been in business for 44 years.

Plain packaging is an unnecessary additional piece of regulation with the EU Tobacco Products Directive. Health warnings will already increase to 65% of the pack.

Removing brand identity packaging will make products easier to counterfeit and increase the illegal trade of tobacco in the UK.

There will be a direct impact on my business, increasing transaction times and providing additional training to staff.

This legislation increases the red tape imposed on retailers, who ensure all tobacco sales comply with the age restrictions applied to tobacco products.

I strongly oppose the introduction of plain packaging.
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

Response to plain packaging consultation

I am an independent retailer who has owned stores for the last nine years.

Plain packaging is an unnecessary regulation, health warnings will increase to 65% of the pack under the EU tobacco Products Directive.

All tobacco products will have to comply with the Retail Display Ban with effect from 6 April 2015.

There will be a direct impact on my business, increasing transaction times and providing extra training to staff, ensuring they identify the correct brand.

Evidence from Australia indicates an increase in the illicit trade, this will have a huge impact on the revenue collected by the government and sales made through my store.

Retailers ensure both tobacco products are sold to pupils aged 18 or over; CRIMINALS DO NOT!

I strongly oppose plain packaging on tobacco products.

Yours sincerely,
Dear Sir/Madam,

We are not happy at all regarding standardised packaging of tobacco products in the UK market. Our reason behind this is our main concern is that I believe it will drive sales to the illicit market. This is not good for business because we will lose trade and profit in an already difficult time.

Also, I have grave concern about having the ability to locate products for customers if legislation is passed. This will affect service time for customers and potentially cause queues in the shop with potential for customers to leave or not want to wait around to be served.

I cannot understand also, your proposal, the sale of tobacco products to over 18s is a perfectly legal process and people are choosing to buy and smoke, but I understand legislation is being put in place to discourage smoking, especially in the young people of this nation, but placing all products in plain packaging isn’t going to offset this situation.

I urge you not to continue with plain packaging legislation forward. To think of the negative impact it will have on the livelihood of the many years of retailers trying to earn and exist legally in the UK. I hope you understand my concerns you may have.

Kind Regards,
Dear Sir,

I am writing to voice my opinion on the standardised packaging consultation.

As an independent retailer, we rely heavily on tobacco to generate footfall and for cash flow and profit purposes.

Introducing standardised packaging would encourage illegal supply alternatives in the black market.

Yours sincerely,
31st July 2014

Re: Proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products

To whom it may concern,

As an independent retailer, I wish it to be known that I am totally against Tobacco Plain Packaging.

As of April 2015, we will no longer be able to display tobacco products, this in itself is going to cause considerable increases in serving times, without making it more difficult to locate the product by making them all look the same, thus making my business more vulnerable to theft.

We enforce a strong No ID policy on underage sales, as do the majority of retailers. Underage smokers can still access tobacco products from the counterfeit and non-UK duty paid supplies, perhaps if you put as much effort into controlling the sale of illegal product we would see a reduction in the sale of these products within the illicit market.

As far as I am aware, evidence from countries that have already implemented this policy, have proven that the implementation of plain packaging has not delivered the planned decreases in either the number of smokers or consumption levels.

Yours sincerely,
Subject: Proposal Plain Packaging of tobacco products

To whom it may concern,

I am an independent convenience store owner, and I find it difficult to believe that the UK government are considering plain packaging for tobacco.

We are currently fighting against a small gang, also due to high location already. We are also included cost for the display bar.

We also spend a large amount of budget on training and staff on underage sales and this law will not deter or support this if children buy from illegal sources.

Looking into this new law, there is no evidence to show it works and it only increases criminal activity.

Yours sincerely,
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

I write this letter in response to the consultation for the Plain Packaging of cigarettes.

As an independent retailer I find it amazing that not only are we expected to cover our displays next year but now the government is trying to push plain packaging on us. Neither of these restrictions are based on any reliable evidence and will have a negative impact on my business.

Plain packaging would make products easier to counterfeit.

Plain packaging would make products easier to counterfeit.

Criminals are not bothered and harm legitimate trade. Criminals are not bothered and harm legitimate trade. Crimina...
To: Tobacco Task Force Consultation
DEPT. OF HEALTH
7TH FLOOR
Newmarket House
13-135 Water Lane
London
SE11 8OE

31st July 201

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in response to the above as a retailer with 5 years experience.

I am concerned about the impact this legislation will have on my business for the following reasons:

1) Sourcing times will be increased.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
(iii) Confusion between brands

(iv) If prices are all the same, my customers will only buy on price, reducing my profit margins if they

(v) This legislation is not based on any evidence.

Independent retailers are struggling at present and need your help! Support not more read tape.

Yours faithfully,
To whom it may concern,

I object to plain packaging as it will increase counterfeit tobacco which will decrease profit and sales, mainly in the independent trades.
To whom it may concern,

I object to plain packaging due to the likelihood of increased counterfeit sales that are likely then to take place, this will decrease turnover and then sales through the independent trade.

Yours
To whom it may concern,

I object to plain packages as it will not make any difference to unloading; smoking but will in fact reduce my shop's footfall on an already declining market.

Yours,
FORMAL RESPONSE TO PLAIN PACKAGING CONSULTATION

Dear Jeremy Hunt M.P.

As a experienced shopkeeper of 25 years I don't believe that making cigarette packs plain will make any difference to sales to under aged.

I never sell to anyone I think is ever under 21.

Having plain packs will only
cause me more trouble, it will take longer to serve customers and cause queues. My staff may get confused and problems may happen and I may loose customers. Please don't do it.
Dear Jeremy Hunt

This is a female constrained response.

I would wish to register my view as a
Small shop owner as follows:

1. Plain Packaging will be costly production and
   it will encourage further sales of illicit cigarettes.
2. I will be responsible for the cost of printing advice
   given below.
3. Health warnings are already on pack of cigarettes.

Yours faithfully,
Dear Sir,

I would like to bring to your attention my objection to the tobacco prices consultation. This will inevitably increase the amount of counterfeit product, which in turn will affect my already struggling business. There will also be less control regarding age restriction.

Yours
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

This is formal consultation response to plain packaging.

Plain packaging is yet another burden on retailers: display ban hasn’t come in to force yet and you want to impose even more restrictions. I could understand footfall and my margin may reduce, but to mention it would be easier for illegal tobacco to take my sales away.

Thank you.
DEAR JEREMY HUNT MP

THIS IS A FORMAL CONSIDERATION
RESPONSE TO Plain PACKAGING
I OPPOSE THIS LEGISLATION
BECAUSE IT IS YET ANOTHER
PROBLEM FOR SMALL RETAILERS
I PAY TAX, EARN A LIVING
LEGALISM & TOBACCO IS A LEGAL
PRODUCT. I DON'T UNDERSTAND
WHAT BENEFIT IT WOULD HAVE.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT PLAIN
PACKAGING IN PLACE.

YOURS SINCERELY
DEAR [NAME],

THIS IS A RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION ON
PLANT PATENTABILITY ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS LEGISLATION.

I AM BELIEVE IT WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT
US IN GENERAL. IT WILL BE DIFFICULT
FOR US TO CONVINCE OUR CUSTOMERS AND TAKE
ME MORE TIME WHICH COULD LEAD TO
LOSS OF CUSTOMERS, PROFIT.

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS LEGISLATION THOUGH,
LET'S SEE WHAT THE DISPLAY CAN WILL DO.

THANKS,
To Advertising Concern:

I would like to register my strong objection to the tobacco packs in the publication for two reasons: going to increase tobacco smoking in the area, and will also attractively increase the time spent seeing them.

Yours Sincerely,
DEAR JEREMY HUNT MP

THIS IS A FORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO PLAIN PACKAGING.

I BELIEVE PLAIN PACKAGING IS AN UNNECESSARY REGULATION. IT WILL BE BURDON ON SMALL RETAILERS.
Plain Packaging Consultation

Dear Sirs,

We wish to express our concerns about recent proposals for all tobacco products to be sold in plain packaging.

We feel plain packaging would greatly increase the same for counterfeit products to be sold alongside correctly manufactured products – this would encourage criminals to enter the market and would also lead to health concerns for the purchaser.

We feel that hidden displays would deter non-smokers from becoming smokers. Plain packaging would not increase this encouragement, but would lead to producers or retailers by convincing to carry their goods.

Yours faithfully,
Hand Organizing Communication Devices

297/14

I'm against plain packaging because I think it would be wrong to attack the Chinese country's cigarette industry. It will also make selling cigarettes extremely time-consuming.
Dear Jeremy Hunt, MP,

Please take this as a formal response to the plain packing consultation.

I fear for my business if plain packs come in! People will not stop smoking but they will change to cheaper cigarettes because if they all look the same, or people will get somewhere else like from abroad! My profits will go down!

The customers I do serve will take longer to serve and may annoy other customers who may go away. I do not do this just to keep anti smoking people happy - if it would make a difference I would support it but why
Dear Jeremy, Mint up

I am writing concerning the formal consultation response to the proposal of introducing the PLA packaging to tobacco products. As being in the trade trade for the last ten years, I strongly think this proposal is the wrong one. It is not going to benefit small retailers in doing this due to the cost of business. Having to retrain their staff in the use of cigarettes through experience. A lot of business comes from those who try a way to work and when they state the brand they would like to purchase 90% of our staff know the brand through the packaging design. Workmen also not base like to stand while staff try to work. But which packet they are.
meant to hurt us which will result in a loss of business. The cost of postage will be a blight on resources. I also think that the illegal sale of cigarettes will go very high as these people do not care what they sell or who they sell to, so it is not going to do us any good to close. Sales will go down which could possibly lead to more unemployment. While retailers keep an eye on underage smoking, these people don’t care. I would also ask you to take into consideration the jobs that will be at risk in the packaging sector as I am sure this will also be affected.

Plain packaging is in our way. Going to discourage people from smoking as it is a choice people make and Australia have already proved this scheme was
As a worker in this industry, I would ask you to reconsider this scheme... My colleague and I cannot come up with any advantages to this... If people choose to smoke both... What will the package be? It's not going to change... We see... As we see... ahead... We lose... Business and unemployment... This scheme is only going to cause more confusion... On top of all the real space... Already have to... thorough... to sell these products...
To whom it may concern

I oppose plain packaging due to decreasing footfall and there is no evidence to suggest that it prevents underage smoking and only affects independent trade seeing even more close

Yours
In Response to the proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products I formally Disagree with everything the proposal stands for on every level. If You were to stand back and analyse the measures you are proposing you will see quite clearly you are creating problems for a future generation due the Governments failures so far in combating Counter fit and Black market Tobacco.

Example 1
1. The whole idea behind Plain Packaging and the Tobacco display ban is to reduce the number of smokers and save the NHS money. BUT the figures you have will only show that less Tobacco is being sold in legitimate businesses which is true as more Tobacco is being sold illegally in Pubs, Offices and Under the Counter than ever before in the past. What you cannot tell me is are less people smoking since the Display ban. The reason you cannot tell me is you simply do not know how many people have switched from Duty Paid Tobacco to Illegal Tobacco.
Last year it was said that by making tobacco in plain packaging will reduce the appeal and in turn reduce the cost to the NHS. If more tobacco than ever is available on the black market and most is counter fit the NHS is facing a ticking time bomb as everyday Millions of Pounds worth of harmful unregulated Tobacco is being smoked by people trying to save a few Pounds but the damage and cost to the NHS will be in the 100's of Millions because of an ill thought out policy.

My Conclusion, Tobacco is a highly regulated industry and the Tobacco produced is of a high quality and is as safe as can be. By pushing the industry underground will remove the Governments clasp on how they are produced and hand Billions of pounds of Tax Revenue to Criminals.

The solution in my view has always been to Tax Tobacco Fairly as not to make it viable for the criminals to sell. But in order to cut down the effects is to regulate how they are made by banning super strong cigarettes in effect making all cigarettes a smooth blend with less harmful contents. I'm sure if the Government spent its energy working with the Tobacco industry to produce a safer cigarette you will not only protect Billions in tax but also the Employment of every person employed Directly and Indirectly.

By all means introduce Plain Packs as it will reduce the costs to the criminals but don't say in 10 years the Country has been over run by crime and the Tax revenues cannot afford to police our ports to stop these Products coming in as the NHS has become over run with People poisoned from years of smoking Illegal Tobacco.

As a Shopkeeper I make very little profit off Tobacco so plain packs although will reduce revenue further it will make little difference behind and sealed unit in any case. For me its one or the other, Plain packs or Display Ban you can't have it both ways, not if you want to remain in Power anyway.

Yours
To Whom It May Concern:

I find it shocking that both the UK and Scottish Governments can blindly propose ridiculous, ill thought and unsubstantiated proposals to introduce a plain pack for tobacco products.

To then use the taxpayer's money to advertise for this ban to go ahead is a sham. If you were to work as hard as the independent retailer does, you will realize how frustrating it is to see policy trying to be implemented that will make your job even more difficult.

As an independent retailer I do not lightly undertake any sale, especially to children. Yet it is the independent retailer that the focus is magnetised onto.

All your policies will do is make our job harder, the job of my staff harder to identify which pack of cigarette is which. Most importantly you are making it substantially easier for fraudsters to produce and distribute illegal stock.

I and my fellow independent retailers do not make any profit of cigarettes but to the ridiculously high taxes implemented by the Government. Why does the Government feel they have to make my job harder and harder by introducing silly laws which will help criminals but put the hardworking independent retailer through hardship?

Just to emphasise, I am AGAINST plain packaging for tobacco products.

Yours sincerely

A very frustrated independent retailer,
Tobacco Retail Consultations
Dept. of Health
7th Floor
Wellington House
133-135
London
SE1 8UG.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to respond to the consultation. I own a small shop in the heart of the community. In my opinion, all this silly sanctions will not help at all. In fact, it will lead to more problems for shops, the amount of time taken to serve customers thus leading to lost customers. It might even lead to increase in illegal tobacco sales.
Dear [Name],

I am a cigarette shop owner. In cockburn, we sell a lot of cigarettes and I am deeply concerned at the impact plain packaging is having on my business. I feel like the government is picking on small retailers and we are going to suffer in the long term. I have asked my customers and they don't care if they go plain packaging. They will still smoke so it won't make a difference to them but it will for my business, footfall etc.

I hope in my ass counter will go through the roof if these regulations come in. Cigarettes get away again.

Sincerely,
Dear Jeremy Hunt,

This is a formal response to...

The consultation regarding plain packaging will affect my business. Because there will be an increase in generic trade, waiting times in the shop will increase due to making larger...

Yours Sincerely,
DEAR JEREMY HUNT,

THIS IS A FORMAL RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION REGARDING PLAIN PACKAGING.
PLAIN PACKAGING WILL EFFECT MY BUSINESS BECAUSE THERE WILL BE AN INCREASE IN ILICIT TRADE.
WAITING TIMES IN THE SHOP WILL INCREASE DUE TO TAKING CUSTOMER TO LOCATE CERTAIN BRANDS.

Yours sincerely,
Dear Jeremy Hunt

This is a formal response to the consultation regarding the possibility of extending the
use of plain packaging. It is clear that this will be an increase in our costs.

Waiting times at the shops will inevitably increase due to higher costs. We must
keep a certain balance.

Yours sincerely,
Dear Jeremy Hunt,

This is a formal response to the consultation on Plan PROCEEDING. This will increase illicit trade and people will down grade due to price. Therefore reducing profit margins.

Yours sincerely,
29/7/2014

Dear Mr. Jeremy Hunt MP,

I am writing you regarding the plain packaging. I strongly oppose it because it will not be good for my business. The shop are struggling as it is with plain packaging in store and would reduce the customers in the shop. It will also attract the illegal tobacco. Since it will be greatful if you and government team can enforce the law.

Thank you.
This is a formal response to plan.

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

I think it will not work out plan packaging. It will be bad for my business plus, it will not make any difference apart from making my work harder. Our main footfall is cigarettes and will be very bad for our business. So we strongly oppose.

Yours,
Dear Jeremy,

This is a formal consultation on your proposed plan calling for packing.

We need a clear plan for packing in the USA.

I believe this will affect my foot fall, my time, and the likelihood of sale.
Re: Plain Packaging Consultation

Date: - 28-7-2014

1. Waste Retailers times when selling cigarettes

2. Counterfeit / Smuggling / Black market

3. Should be making forced not backdoors.

4. People have rights and it's their choice to smoke.
Dear [Name],

I think the plain facets will have a bad effect on my business because it will increase struggling and copying of faces. I may have to get rid of my staff if I can't afford to pay them.

Please think again about the proposal as many business will close down.
Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to respond to the consultation. I am employed in a store owned by my family, a small convenience store in a village. My opinion is that this ridiculous sanction will not benefit customers in my area from smoking and purchasing tobacco. In fact, it will provide more customers to buy it and make it easier to sell illegal tobacco.
Believe - brain injury complications.

Dr. Sir Neville:

I have scored a step for many years old! Cannot remember a time when things were so difficult. Believe the government is sincere, determined to make things now difficult for no apparent reason.

Putting tobacco products in their pipes will only make selling the product more difficult - not because people are giving up but because nobody will know which pipe is which.

The black market will be more than happy to take advantage of the situation.

God bless all concerned. Because legal sales will go down - what a success for
Tobacco Retail Consultations
Department of Health
7th Floor
Wellington House
123-135
London
SE1 8UQ

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to respond to the consultation; I own a service station (petrol station) in Dewsbury and also sell tobacco in my store. My opinion on this will be that it will provide no benefit to prevent people from smoking, it will however promote more people towards it and also easier to sell illegal tobacco.

Yours sincerely,
Dear [Name],

I am writing to you today to express my gratitude and appreciation for all the hard work and dedication you have shown in your work. Your efforts are truly commendable and have not gone unnoticed. The impact you have made is significant and has been deeply felt by our team.

I want to personally express my admiration for your professionalism and commitment to excellence. Your contributions to the project have been invaluable, and your expertise has been instrumental in its success. Your passion for your work is contagious, and it is a joy to work with someone who shares the same drive and dedication.

I hope that this message finds you well and that you continue to excel in your endeavors. Your contribution to our team is greatly appreciated, and I look forward to seeing what you will achieve in the future.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
To Whom it may concern

Writing this letter today, I feel that as a small retailer, we are being victimised more and more by laws that are not thought through. We are just trying to make an honest living for ourselves and staff. This is getting harder and harder everyday. So doing these various things such as plain packaging and banning small packs of tobacco would hurt us even more. People are struggling with money already. So reducing the
Small size parties would mean they would have to buy products on the black market and this would play in the hand of the black market operators.

Please do something before it is too late for small entities such as me. There is still time to act before it becomes another nail in our business affair.

Your, [redacted]

Concerned Lethal
Tobacco plans packaging either now or in the future.

Yours Sincerely,

21st July 2014

To whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my concern regarding the proposal to place all Tobacco products in plain packaging. This along with the new up of cigarettes in April, will have a massive effect on the running and profitability of our shop making each transaction slower and more risky and playing into the hands of the illicit traders who already earn the product in our town. There is little if any evidence to back this theory up that children will somehow find cigarettes less appealing in plain packets: I would therefore urge you to think again about this proposal and help the independent retailers. I am totally against...
Department of Health
Standardised Pack Consultation
Po Box 126
Canterbury
CT1 7NB

Date: 20/07/14

Re Plain Packaging Consultation.

One major way that this will impact on us will be from the operational point the selection of the correct brand will make it harder and time consuming. In a busy store like ours this is going to lead to an increase in delay and grated customers.

We strongly oppose this proposal because of the problem this will give...
Dear Mr. Hunt,

Response to the Plain Packaging Consultation

As the owner of an independent supermarket/convenience store, I write to express formally my concerns about the Government’s proposals to introduce plain packaging to tobacco products. I firmly believe that the policy is misguided and will not achieve the desired effect of reducing tobacco consumption among smokers. My main objections are as follows:

1. The illegal tobacco trade:
   - Standardisation of packaging will facilitate the counterfeiting of products and help criminals to ply their illegal trade.
   - Under-age smokers will be attracted to illegal tobacco traders, who are prepared to sell to anybody, no questions asked.
   - Studies in Australia indicate that, when all packs look alike, the consumer becomes more motivated by price. This has resulted in increased black market purchases. There is always the possibility of an unintentional consequence - i.e. the cheaper the cigarettes, the more a consumer will smoke.

2. Transaction times in bona fide retail outlets:
   - The display ban has not, in my experience, detested anyone from smoking. Customers still come into my store and ask for their favourite brands. The transaction takes marginally longer, whilst the assistant opens and closes the doors to the display.
   - Plain packaging will make the transaction take longer still, because it will be harder for brands to be identified by the assistant. This will have a knock-on effect on all customers (voters?), not just those who are purchasing tobacco products.
   - Mistakes are more likely to be made with plain packaging.
   - Long-term, this inconvenience is only going to make it easier for the black market to thrive.
The foregoing are my main objections to the proposals. There are many other factors that would affect me as a retailer, such as the burden and cost of training staff to deal with all the red tape, and the possible loss of footfall. I could accept these as necessary side effects of standardised packaging if I really thought that it would have a positive effect on the health of smokers - but I do not.

I do my utmost to ensure that all my staff comply with existing legislation regarding the sale of tobacco and alcohol and will continue to do so, but I think these proposals are seriously flawed. They belong in the same category of Utopian "good ideas" as the one-size-fits-all system of education that has blighted about four generations of our children.

All these proposals will achieve is a higher burden on retailers, increased transaction times and a likely increase in customers using the illegal tobacco trade (which is not operated ethically or responsibly).

I would say to you, Mr. Hunt, have the courage to stand against the EU and their unrealistic policies. Then concentrate on educating children and young people about the dangers of smoking. There is already a support network available for adults through GP surgeries; perhaps this could be extended into schools.

Yours sincerely
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

This is a formal consultation response. I am currently the owner of a busy convenience store in Liverpool which my family have run for over 10 years. Cigarettes and tobacco accounts for over £10,000 pounds per week of our sales.

To introduce plain packaging would have a major impact on our overall turnover. As the cigarettes will be behind the doors it will be increasingly difficult to determine which brand is which. This will have an impact on the amount of time it will take to serve customers. It will lead to customers becoming impatient, eventually resulting in them not shopping in smaller stores. I believe that the government are not in support of independent stores should they introduce plain packaging. For these reasons I am against the introduction of plain packaging.
I look forward to hearing from you with your response.

Regards
Dear Sir,

I am responding to the consultation on standardising the packaging of tobacco products.

I have been in the independent retail trade for over 20 years and want to voice my opinion about this barbaric proposal.

It is my very strong opinion that plain packaging will have no bearing on the purchase of tobacco but will have a huge increase of illicit purchases.

The proposed will have additional costs to me running my business due to staff training and loss of time.

I work 12 hours a day to provide for my family and do not need my job making harder!

P.T.O
Plain packaging proposal

To whom it may concern

I am an independent retailer tobaccoist and am strongly against plain packaging. I have just signed up to putting doors in front of my unit, which will be hard enough for my staff to find the product without making them look all the same. This will already make it longer to serve a customer and help crooks distract the staff from theft.

I work a strong ID process on underage and since we no longer get children even attempting to buy from us.

Children can access cigarettes from all the counterfeit and duty free stock been sold illegally. Retail shops take a far more responsible outlook as it is there lively hood.

Australia if reports are to be believed have not shown any decrease and one of there number one brands is not even a legal product.

Where will this stop plain alcohol plain bags of crisps etc.
It has taken one inventor of electronic cigarettes too cut down smoking where as tax increases health warnings have never really deterred the true smoker.

It is clear the product is legal?

Stop cigarettes being sold by proxy?

Stop duty free and counterfeit being sold?

Increase customs officers with bigger fines?

Id scheme keep up?

Help small traders no red tape?

Yours sincerely
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

I am writing to you regarding my opinion of plain cigarette packaging and how it will affect small retailers like us. I am against the matter due to the following reasons below:

**Firstly: there is a greater burden on retailers as:**
- The display ban has not even come in for small shops and the Government wants to impose furthermore restrictions.
- The EU Tobacco Products Directive comes into effect in May 2016; this will ban packs of cigarettes of less than 20 sticks and all RYO under 30g. These larger packs will mean consumers will need to make fewer purchases per week, therefore reducing footfall.
- Plain packaging is an unnecessary additional piece of regulation, as health warnings will already increase to 55% of the pack under the EU Tobacco Products Directive.
- The Government is supposed to be supporting small shops; instead they are just trying to impose even more red-tape and placing an additional burden on retailers.
- Costs of training staff will only increase if plain packaging is introduced.
- The Government is wrong to claim that the retailer will “benefit” from a decrease in transaction times. Serving a customer when all the packs are the same colour and the writing so small will take much longer than for a branded pack which proves to be easily recognizable.

**Secondly, loss of footfall and margins:**
- Over 20% (Cedin Research 2013) of sales in convenience stores come from tobacco and on top of this the footfall leads to purchases of additional items.
- Customers are likely to down trade to cheaper brands if all packs look the same. This means lower margins for shopkeepers.

**Thirdly, illegal tobacco:**
- Removing brands will make products easier to counterfeit and undermine a retailer’s legitimate trade. The illegal trade in tobacco is already a problem in the UK, by introducing plain packaging the Government is making it easier for criminals to operate.
- Early evidence from Australian retail groups indicates that consumers in Australia are now being driven by price as a result of plain packaging; if UK consumers follow the same pattern they could turn to buying tobacco illegally. This would mean fewer people will come to the store, lost footfall and consequently lost revenue.
• Early evidence from Australia (KPMG) also indicates that there has been an increase in the illicit trade in tobacco since plain packaging was introduced. According to the Australasian Association of Convenience Stores, 67% of retailers say that the growth of the black market has had an impact on their business since plain packaging was introduced.

• Criminals do not worry about the age of their customers, whilst retailers work hard to ensure that tobacco is not sold to anyone under 18. This clearly goes against the government reasons for introducing plain packaging.

Overall, I feel greatly opposed towards the changes of cigarette packages transforming into a plain uniform design as I have expressed my concerns regarding this matter above. I would recommend you to reconsider your thoughts as it will not prove successful towards smaller businesses in the niche market within the UK.

Yours sincerely,
25-7-14

To: [Name]

Re: Please for consultation.

In light of the consultation on plans for XYZ, I wish to express my concerns. I am a responsible agent who feels this will only make my job harder. I fear the continued conflict and its adverse effects on the project.

Your agents say such change can't proceed as you propose.

[Signature]

[Redacted]
28/7/14

To Whom It Concerns

I object to cigarettes being in plain packaging as it will not make any difference to the sale of cigarettes. In fact I think it will make it easier for the production of cigarettes, it will affect my cost, and loss of sales.

Yours
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

and I strongly urge you that the Government opposes to further cripple the retail trade & fuel the illicit trade with packs that are much easier to replicate. We work very hard, long hours, trying so the tobacco trade to drive 20% fall, cash flow & profit. This proposal would reduce all of these aspects & could ultimately put us out of business. This Government does not support small businesses, it cripples them.

Yours
To Whom It May Concern

For 22 years I have been trading as a newsagent. It appears over recent years the powers that be have become further and further removed from reality. Regulation rules and regulations for tobacco display andplain packaging, my staff are forced by rules that will cause us a legal product which now will maybe all appear similar and difficult for customers to know what their favourite will look like anymore. All the evidence used so far has
been proved false on many occasions, yet still we are being
pushed away from common sense
and logical decision making.

I am against the Tobacco
Packs proposal for plain packs.

Yours sincerely
Plain Packaging Consultations

Response

Dear Sirs,

Do you seriously believe that plain packaging is the answer to or even part of the problem in Australia? I feel that it seems to be a wedge issue as the tobacco and alcohol industries will be able to continue as before. In your thinking, have you considered the health impacts and how the need to promote smoking and drinking are being addressed? We have a very serious health crisis in this country that needs to be addressed.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Your sincerely,

[Signature]
Furinon, as done going forward to be degraded - smuggled. This would be very harmful to health. Also, it would cost $150,000 per month for me as a retailer. How much does revenue Will the government lose?
We are against plain packaging as they are easy to counterfeit and are more often used to solve the customer and will not make a noticeable difference to the smoker.
DEAR [RECIPIENT],

I WANT TO MAKE THIS RESPONSE TO PLAN PACKAGING.

I DON'T AGREE WITH THIS LEGISLATION AS IT WILL MAKE MY JOB MORE DIFFICULT, AND TIME-CONSUMING. ALSO ILICIT TRADE IS ALREADY RIFE IN MY AREA (WHICH YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE DOING ANYTHING ABOUT) AND STANDARDIZED PACKAGING WILL ONLY MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE CRIMINALS.

PLEASE CONSIDER MY POINT OF VIEW.
DEAR SIR,

I am writing in response to your proposed laws regarding plain language papers.

It concerns me that this will create more confusion. In the past, plain language was easier to copy and it also created confusion for staff and customers alike.

As my company will be closed next year, what is the point in plain language now?

Yours faithfully,
28/7/14.

To whom it may concern,

I would like to register my disapproval of the tobacco price consultation, because of the increase in counterfeit tobacco. This is so dangerous for public's health and will have a damaging effect on our business. There is no evidence to prove this will reduce smoking.

Yours sincerely,
Dear Jeremy, how are we (this is a formal conversation response).

Plastic packaging is going to be another burden on myself as a small retailer. I am a member of a community which is very much a part of this community. Indeed, I am getting no support from the government, and this will be a burden on my business. I will have to train staff with the new regulations and I don't have the time or the money to do this.

I also know that my success will decrease as this comes in and that will affect my overall business. Contact will go through the roof and undermine my legitimate trade.
To whom it may concern,

I own five independent stores which due to increased prices and smaller margins I fear plain packaging could affect the independent trade even more and raise counterfeit goods.

Yours,

[Name Redacted]
DIGRAF, J. HUNT M.P.

I am against the idea of having tobacco products in clear packaging, as I think this will only lead to an increase in youth sales and counterfeit trade, not help curtail drugsmoke and will not stop children taking up the habit. This is my formal consultation response.
Dear Sir,

I would like to register my complaint against the Tobacco Packed Consultation for two reasons: 1) It will increase the amount of counterfeit tobacco available on the streets. 2) There will be no unknown what's inside the pack.
Dear Sir,

In response to the tobacco packs consultation, I am against Plain Packaging for two reasons. Firstly, it will increase the amount of counterfeit stock. Secondly, it will get underage sales on the street.

Yours sincerely,
To whom it may concern:

I am an independent retailer.

I would like to object to the Tobacco Packing Consultations.

I do not believe plain packaging will reduce sales to children.

- We only serve adults (who look over 25 unless they have ID) - we do not serve children.
- We believe that the change of them it will take staff to find a particular pack among hundreds of identical packs will increase the amount of shoplifting or staff attention will be off customers.
- I do not believe the evidence warrants this change in policy as it will damage my sales.

(Archie)
To whom it may concern,

I find the plain speaking is not foreign in the continent and go to meet a more people get bent on the amount of God's providence.

Clearly the continent will take over if the unhealthy tins are bared to bind.

Ways to fight this war—

Per what I would like being up to the Helen Pict's conclusion.

Yours sincerely,
Proud Packaging Comment:

I am against plain packaging as this would just encourage further counterfeit products.

Why isn't heads up when my unit Will save be curved up? I don't believe colored packs encourage smoking; people look at the color of the pack rather than the color of the pack.

I think my comments will be noted.
Dear Sir/Madam,

REF: Plain Packaging Consultation

Plain packaging of cigarettes and tobacco will be detrimental to my business. I will find it hard to know the different brands. They will be easy to counterfeit. I will lose business.

Tobacco is a large part of
My trade.
Plain packaging will take longer to identify the brands and will increase my serving times.
I think this idea should be scrapped immediately.
Department of Health
Standardised Tobacco Packaging Consultation
PO Box 426
Canterbury
CT1 9NA

Dear Sir/madam,

I am writing to you as a retailer who holds a very strong view regarding plain packaging.

The current economic market is a very competitive one, and at this moment in time, trying to run a business is now harder than ever has been before. What with the extreme competition and the many other retailers are facing,

The cost this is going to impose, going to harm my business. Making sure my staff are trained and fully aware of legislation is going to slow down my business.

29/04/2014
If you raise the minimum wage or go against the interests of small businesses, like again, the harder you are making the economy recovery.

I would be very grateful if you could take my points into consideration, as I feel currently everything goes against small businesses as opposed to working with us.

Thank you.
Dear Jeremy Hunt,

As an independent Newsagent of 35 years, I am totally against the proposals as my staff would be put under greater stress due to the inability to identify the customer brand of choice. Also, this would further fuel illicit tobacco sales and the government would lose even more revenue.

Yours,
Dear Jeremy Hart,

I am totally opposed to the above due to doors being open to the cost and staff will be contaminated when customers ask for their normal drinks.

Also, illicit sales can be very high in the Peterborough area and my sales and field staff are already down by 27%. In 2 years.

Dept of Health Standards
Preceding Consultation
P.O. Box 1122
Cambridge
CT2 9NB
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Standardised Packaging Consultation
Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9JJ

Date 24-7-14

Re: Plain Packaging Consultation

Standard packaging will complicate the sales process by increasing the time taken to select the customer’s choice from the range held.

New brands will be harder to promote as no packaging or POS material will be available.

Counterfeit of goods will be easier by criminals due to the removal of the design requirements and also make it harder for customers and excise to identify illegal packets.

Overall an unnecessary step that inhibits a person’s freedom of choice as not all the information currently available by design and colour will be removed.

I urge that this idea be nipped in the bud to remove unnecessary expense and time wasting, let alone loss of revenue.
Re: Plain Packaging Consultation.

Dear Sir/Madam,

As the Department of Health (I am sure you are aware of the substance contained in illegal cigarettes) plain packaging will hurt trade fundamentally. Loss of trade & footfall will be inevitable - my wife and I work around 12-12 hrs a day and the proposed legislation will certainly be the final straw!!!

Please do not go ahead with this proposal.

Yours faithfully,
Dept. of Health
Landmark Tower
Consultation
Box 1126
Canberra
CT 1 903

Date: 25-7-14

Re: Plain packaging Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam,

Plain packaging will seriously hinder our day to day running of our shop. We are an elderly couple with poor eyesight, distinguishing plain packaging will be very difficult. We are also concerned that there will be an increase in illegal sales of tobacco.

Please consider this proposal.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

[Note: The signature is not visible in the image.]
Dept of Health
Standardised Packaging
Consultation
Folke 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

Re: Plain Packaging Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a very concerned retailer with regards to plain packaging. My wife and I work long hours every day to make a living. We are already noticing competition from chains such as Tesco but also an increase in under the counter illicit sales which are effective. My customers will be more likely to drop buying premium brands and instead purchase cheaper brands because the packs will look the same. We already have a huge amount of Red Tape, please consider our plea to drop this plain packaging.

Yours Faithfully
Dept & Health
Standardised
Packaging Consultation
PO Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

Date: 25-7-14

Re: Plain Packaging Consultation

I am writing in an attempt to voice my concerns about the possibility of introducing plain packs. I strongly urge you to not go ahead for a number of reasons, listed below:

1) Increase in illegal sales. Already my customers obtain illegal tobacco plain packaging will further increase.

2) Damage to my profitability as smokers will down grade their purchased.

3) Identifying brands will ultimately take longer and cause more frustration.

Yours faithfully,
1st August 2014

Dear Tony Albert, M.P.,

My name is Clay Lewis and I am well on my way towards and my three children, Sarah, David and Susan, our hard work has been going strong as well. Both of the last two years I have been involved in the detail decisions I have now experienced the downturn in business that has been taking place over the last few years.

A large and very intricate part of our business is the sale of сигарилл and ладанка, which accounts for almost half of our sales. The stock from our regular customers during the past year of 2013 resulted in the whole sales and leaving many other foods, fruits, and culinary spices elastic.

I am sure you are aware of the devastation of the high street retail sector; throughout the whole of the U.K. and I believe that the plan to introduce plain packaging on all tobacco products in the near future will put further pressure on the retail network and to whole.

I truly believe that the trend for the final death nail for a high percent of small to medium size retailers could in turn with
encourage a high percentage of the buying public to purchase their tobacco products from the illegal sources throughout the country. It is already a huge problem in their local area, and I am sure will spread even worse if plain packaging is introduced. The result: an off-batch market will cause more illegal sales to filter even more into the black market and lead to the detriment of legitimate throughout the U.S., resulting in the loss of a huge amount of taxes per year. And the almost nil direct damage of tax revenue in towns and cities, which will damage the legal market even more.

I would therefore urge you, please, please, to further consider the future of our family business. They are already smoke-free products in the near future.