

Dear Jeremy Hunt M.P

As a retailer in the independent sector I write this letter as a direct response to the plain packaging consultation

This is yet another burden placed upon me before we as small shops are even covered up as part of the restricted market. This will already increase the time it takes to serve my customers, the introduction of plain packaging will increase this further.

If all packs look the same me or my staff will have difficulty identifying a brand which could lead to giving the customer the wrong 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 will have an effect on my business

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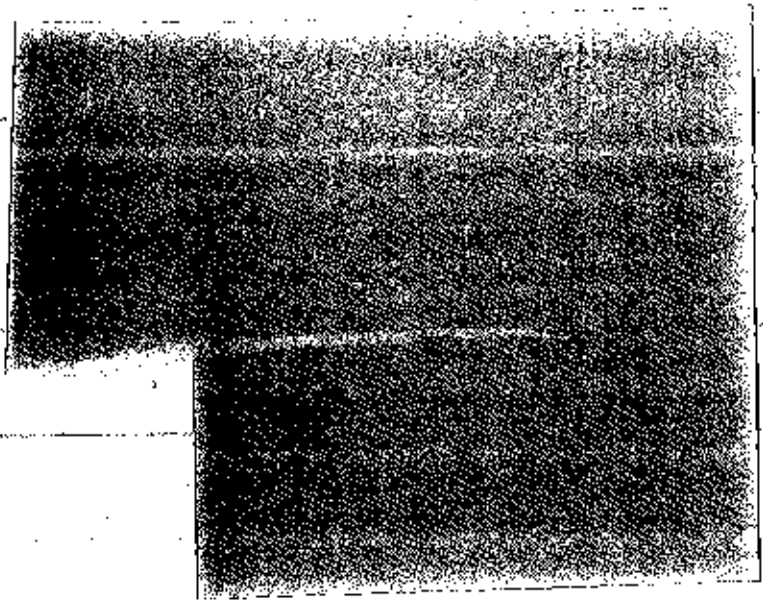
DEAR JEREMY HUNT MP

IN RESPONSE TO THE RAZN PACKAGING 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?

RAZN PACKAGING WILL HAMPER THE PRODUCTIVITY OF MY STAFF AS THEY WILL INEVITABLY TAKE MORE TIME SERVING CUSTOMERS MAKING SURE THEY HAVE SELECTED THE CORRECT CIGARETTES. THE INTRODUCTION OF RAZN PACKAGING WILL ONLY MAKE IT HARDER FOR STAFF TO IDENTIFY THE DIFFERENT BRANDS AND STRENGTHS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT BRAND. THIS IN TURN WILL INCREASE THE TIME IN WHICH STAFF HAS THEIR BACK TO A CUSTOMER WHICH MAY LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN THEFT.

THE INTRODUCTION OF RAZN PACKAGING WILL ONLY PROVE TO THE HANDS OF THE CRIMINALS. IT WILL EASE THE COUNTERFEITING PROCESS BY MAKING IT EASIER TO FORGE THE PACKAGING. THIS WILL MASSIVELY INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE LOST BY THE UK GOVERNMENT.



DEAR JEREMY HUNT M.P.

THIS 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

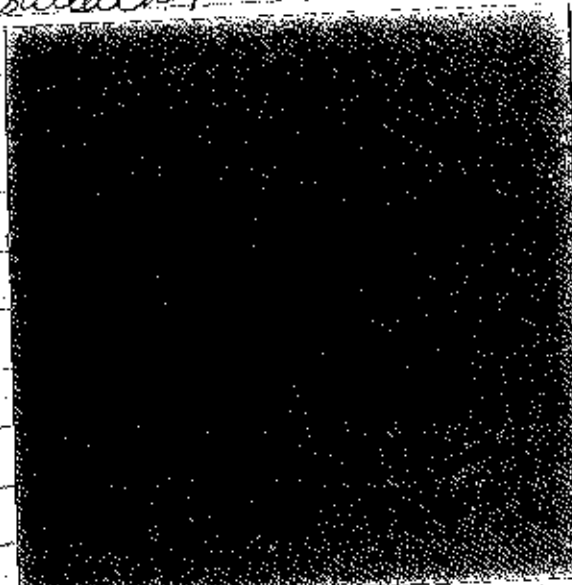
Department of Health
Standardised Packaging Consultation

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30th July 2014




Ref: Plain Packaging Consultation

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

The impact will increase counterfeit and illicit cigarettes, which will make people sick, as ~~you~~ people won't know what is in them. I have a customer who became very sick, through smoking illicit ~~and~~ Rolling tobacco he brought whilst abroad.

I will lose customers and in turn the government will lose money in tax. As a retailer who prides himself on selling the best quality products and range, this move will be detrimental to my business.



Reference: Plain packaging cigarettes

Mr 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 on them.

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

Small businesses are already under so much pressure and struggling to make a profit. Instead of supporting these small shops the government are trying to impose even more red tape and placing extra burdens on retailers and this is before the display ban has not come into force.

The hard work that retailers are doing to ensure that tobacco is not sold to under 18's once again makes the retailer feel like criminals will have the power to sell to under 18's.

28 July 2014

Response to the Standardised Tobacco Packaging Consultation 2104

Dear Mr Hunt

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

Assuming that this 'change' is directed at kids, what is the evidence that 'retailers' supply these kids. The vast majority of retailers are law abiding and adhere very closely to the law – they do not sell to kids!

The same cannot be said for the 'underworld market' for tobacco, the small time smugglers, ice cream van, chippy wagon back of a lorry types – as they are operating illegally, do they care who they sell to – NO!

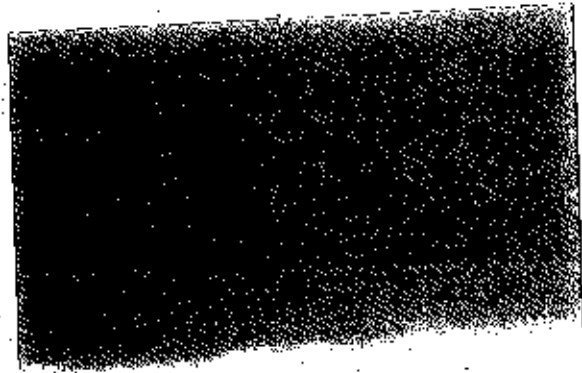
So again the law full are pummelled by the law, will this affect the law less – NO!

Kids don't buy tobacco based on the colour of the packaging, they buy based on what they can get and the price.

In 30 years of retailing never once has a customer said to me 'today I want to smoke those cigs in the shiny blue packet instead of the red ones', smokers know what they want.

The UK has some of the strictest gun controls in the world, yet people still seem to get shot, how many of these shootings are from legally held guns – very few. How many of the kids who smoke buy cigs from legal sources – very few.

Tobacco Retail Consultations
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Dear Sir/Madam, I would like to 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 ~~is~~ ridiculous sanction,
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 cigs.

To whom it may concern.

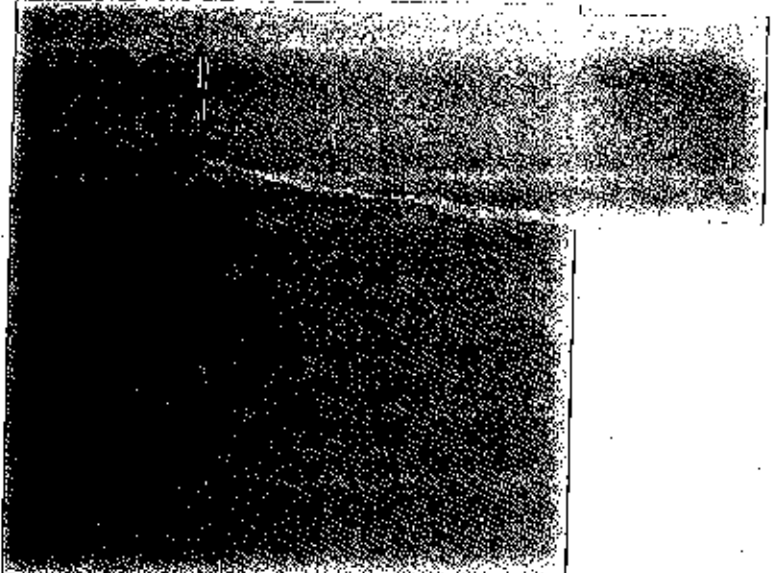
Dear Sir/Ms/Mrs.

I find it difficult that the UK & Scottish
Governments can propose ill thought and
unsubstantiated proposals to introduce Tobacco
Plain Packaging. But also using the hard
working independent retailers taxes so
fund the so advertising. In my opinion,
no more than a few our blown soundbites.

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

The independent retail trade do not lightly
undertake any sale, let alone cigarettes to
children, yet time again we are castigated
for not ensuring "soundbites" that will get
a Minister or someone similar some press
coverage. If you want to ground terms
you would realise that children prefer
to spend their money on donkeys, computer
games and mobile. For most children
cigarettes are the last thing on their minds.

Your policies were any open door, which could be
messily be bought by the retail trade that continue
to illicit market. It would save costs for staff
to identify product marking the construction slow
and more risky and allowing time for down
custody to sell products from the shop/store.
We want the ability to sell legal products to
our eligible customers and I feel this is not the
need to ask.



Dear Jeremy,

I am writing this letter in response to the plain packaging consultation. I along with my wife, own and run a post office and convenience store in Southport, we purchased the store in 2006.

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

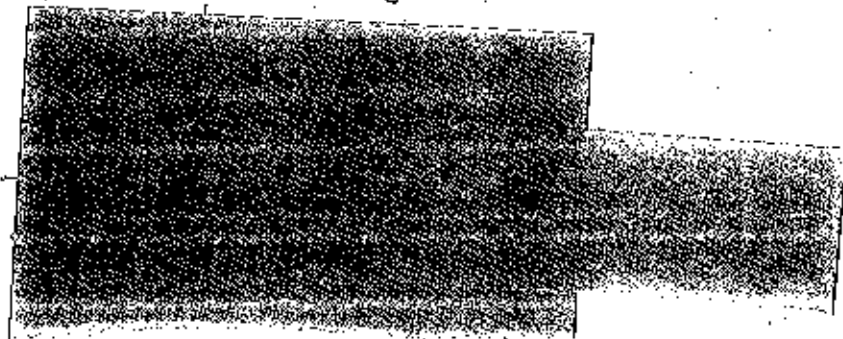
We feel that removing a brand identity will make tobacco products easier to counterfeit, therefore undermining our retail trade, it will become easy for criminals to operate. Not only do these reasons I have anticipated mean loss of trade for ourselves, it will also mean loss of revenue for government 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,



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31.7.14

Dear Sir

PLAIN PACKAGING - CONSULTATION RESPONSE

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

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

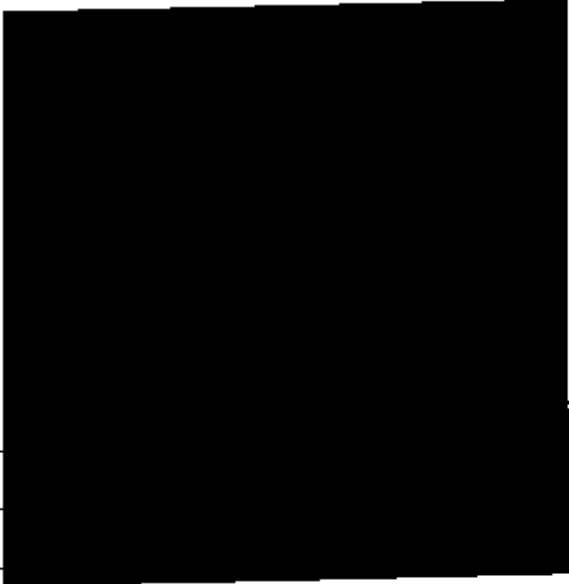
Increased transaction times and mistakes while serving, and increase in counterfeit products are just some of my concerns. Please explain why you are going ahead with plain packaging as we have

to have our cigarette fixtures covered up by
April 2015?

I await your earliest reply.

Yours faithfully



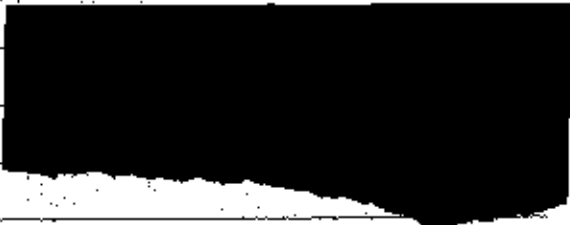


To whom it may concern,

Just to say that

I am totally opposed to plain packaging
as it would make my job even harder
to serve the customers it will be good
enough when the display ban comes
into force also it will help the black
market selling counterfeit and smuggled
tobacco sell even more. Instead you
should be stopping them and make
sure they get heavy fines or closed
down.

Yours Smaley



[REDACTED]

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP, 29/7/14

Ref: Plain Packaging, formal 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 on black
market.

Yours sincerely





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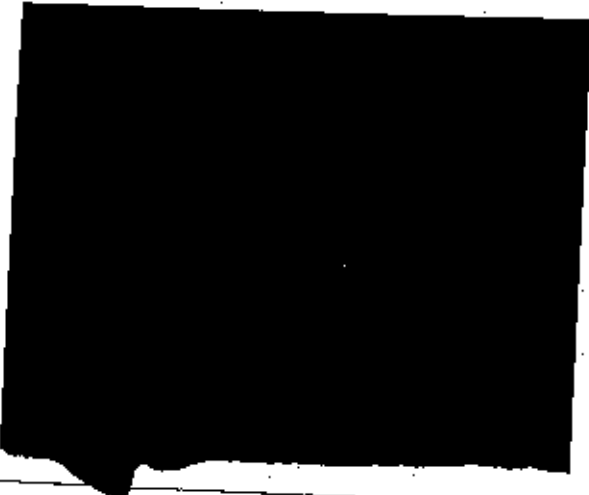
Reference; Formal Consultation Response


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.

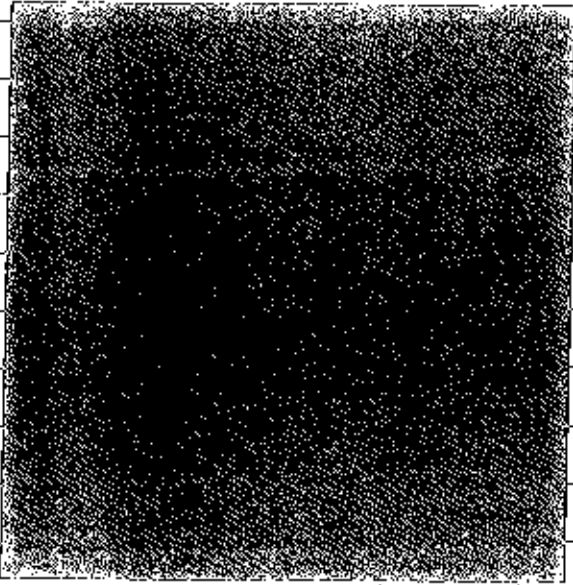
I desperately urge you to solve this pressing issue on behalf of small retailers everywhere, bearing in mind the associated "illegal" implications for everyone.



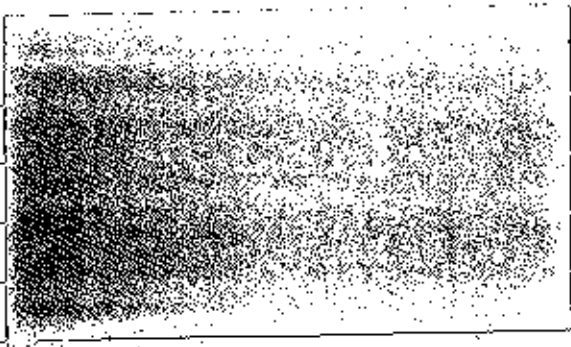


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I am against the plain packaging because it will negatively affect the businesses in the shop.

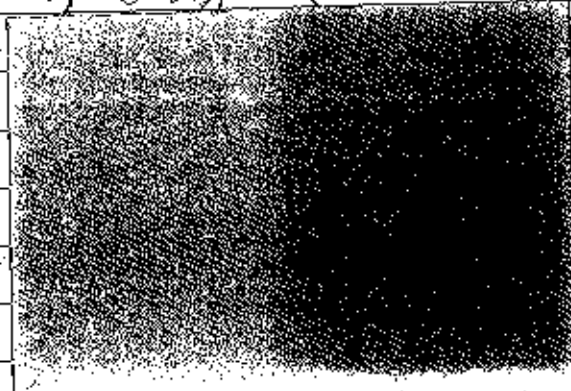


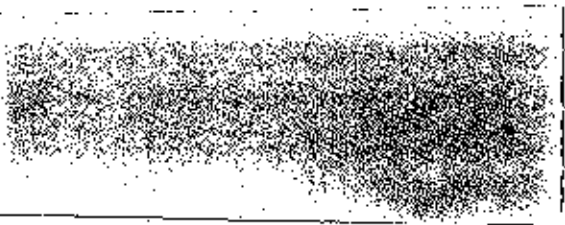
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tell you. This plan will be to see the
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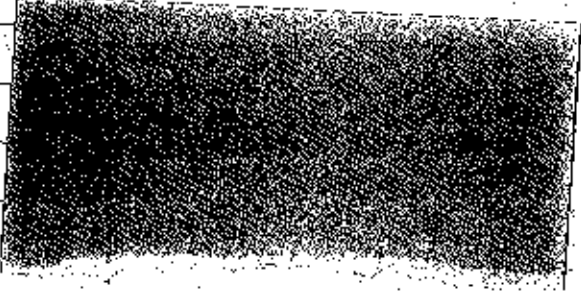
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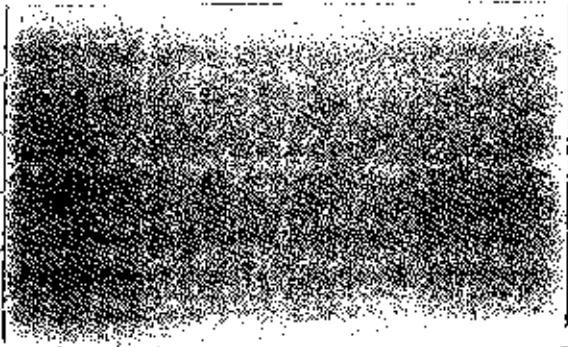




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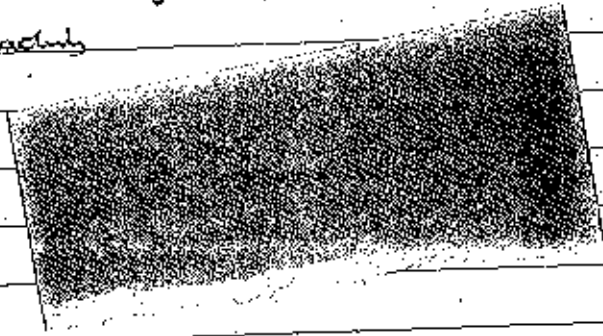
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I think it will really effect business



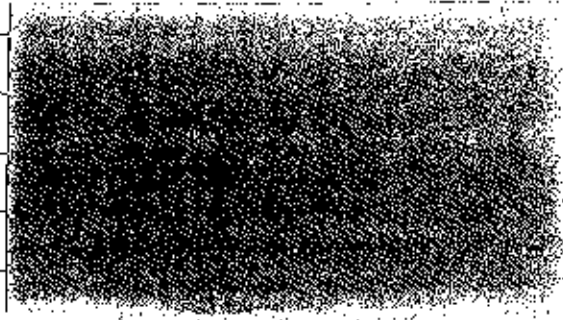


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I am again the project plan finding together has prepared
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produce and ensure smooth results



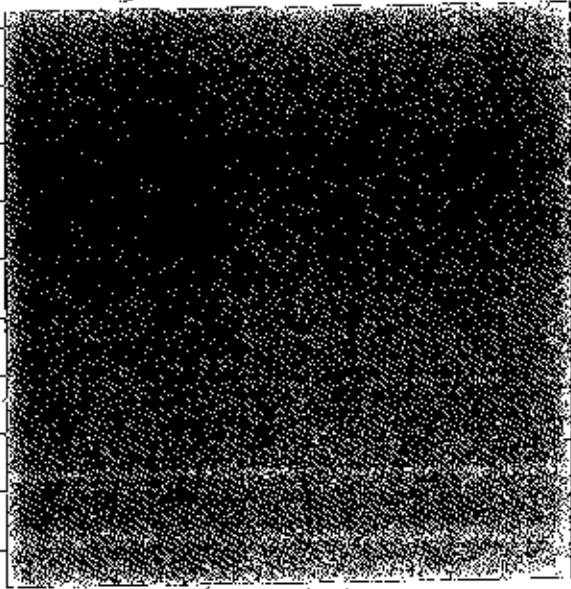
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To whom it may concern

I am writing the proper plan for my car
which it will have silver color on my license
and examine take photo

Yours Sincerely

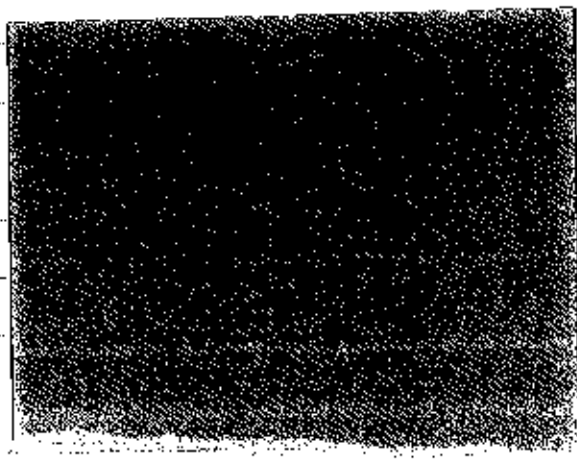


DEPT OF HEALTH
STANDARDISED PACKAGING CONSULTATION.
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PANTHERBURY.
CT1 9NB.

RE: PLAIN PACKAGING:

Introducing Plain Packaging will cause difficulty in telling one cigarette from another. It will increase counterfeit cigarettes and lead to loss of sales.

Yours Sincerely



[REDACTED]

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Dear Sir/Madam,

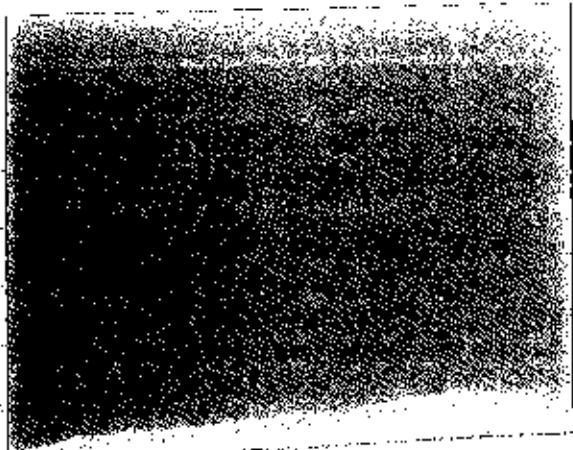
I am a retailer who sells tobacco,
I am opposed to standardised / Plain packaging
as it would:

- FUEL THE BLACK MARKET IN COUNTERFEIT & SMUGGLED TOBACCO.
- INCREASE THE TIME REQ TO SERVE MY CUSTOMER
- INCREASE PRODUCT CONFUSION FOR STAFF AND CUSTOMER
- POSSIBLE REDUNDANCIES AS RESULT FEWER SLOTS.
- ENCOURAGE CUSTOMERS TO REQUEST SINGLES PACKETS
- ADD MORE RESTRICTIONS.

PLEASE RECONSIDER STANDARDISED / PLAIN PACKAGING AS THIS COULD
HAVE A DAMPING EFFECT ON MY BUSINESS!

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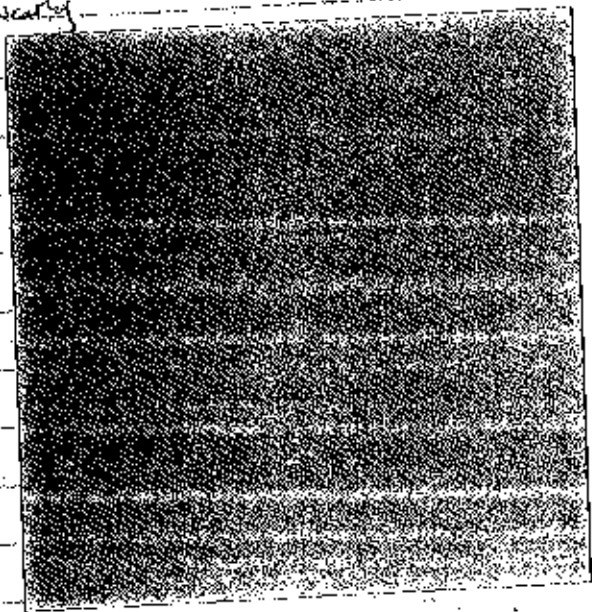
TOBACCO CONSULTATION



Dear Mr Hunt

I am writing in response to
Standardised tobacco packaging consultation proposed.
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 counterfeit tobacco and feel that
this can only increase. I am also concerned
about the extra time it's going to take to
serve my customers.

Yours Sincerely



F.A.O

JEREMY HUNT M.P.

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 even though, in reality it is no more than a sham! 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 tobaccos & cigarettes. Plain Packaging will only make this trend accelerate! To leave no one left in Government with the balls 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 tobaccos, etc

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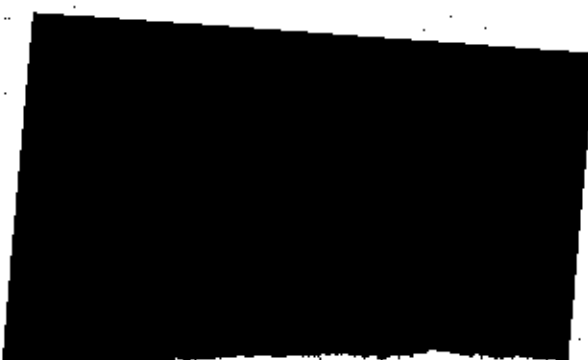
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to respond to the consultation. I own a convenience store in Leeds and sell tobacco in my store. My opinion is that it will provide no benefit to prevent people from smoking. It will however promote more people towards it and also make it easier to sell illegal tobacco.



REF: PLAIN PACKAGING CONSULTATION.

DEAR MR JEREMY HUNT MP.

IT IS WITH GREAT ANGER 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 NOTICE
CHANGE IN HABITS OF OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE
PLAIN PACKING HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IS THE
INCREASE IN ILLICIT TRADE.

I CAN IMAGINE OUR LOCAL CROOKS ARE
RUBBING THEIR HANDS IN ANTICIPATION!

PLAIN PACKS WOULD PROBABLY HELP TO DECREASE
MY BUSINESS, PERHAPS I COULD LAY OFF SOME
STAFF AND SAVE MYSELF A SMALL FORTUNE!

I KNOW THE GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED
TO STOP YOUNG PEOPLE FROM TAKING UP

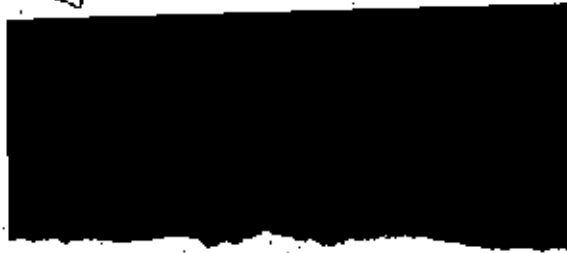
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PLAIN PACKS WILL HAVE ANY EFFECT.

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 POETIC THE PACKS WERE!

GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD, GET SOME
IDEAS FROM REAL PEOPLE, DO SOMETHING THAT
WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Yours in anticipation



31/7/14

Dept of Health
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Ref: Plain Packaging Consultation

Dear Sirs,

Tobacco sales account for approx 30% of my sales - they are a quiet sale to regular customers. Plain packaging will affect my sales by increasing sales time & more waiting time for customers. The other major concern is that the pack will be easier to copy & illicit sales 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

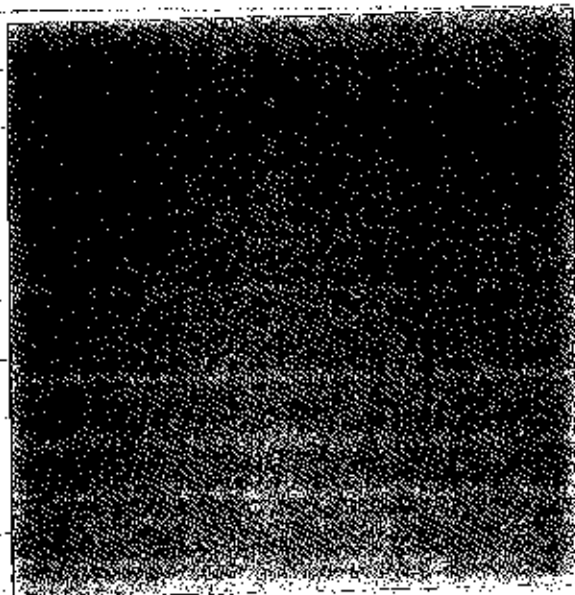


Dear Sir

I am a retailer in galeshad and am totally against plain packaging. I do not think it will help, this will encourage black market stock and counterfeit cigarettes.

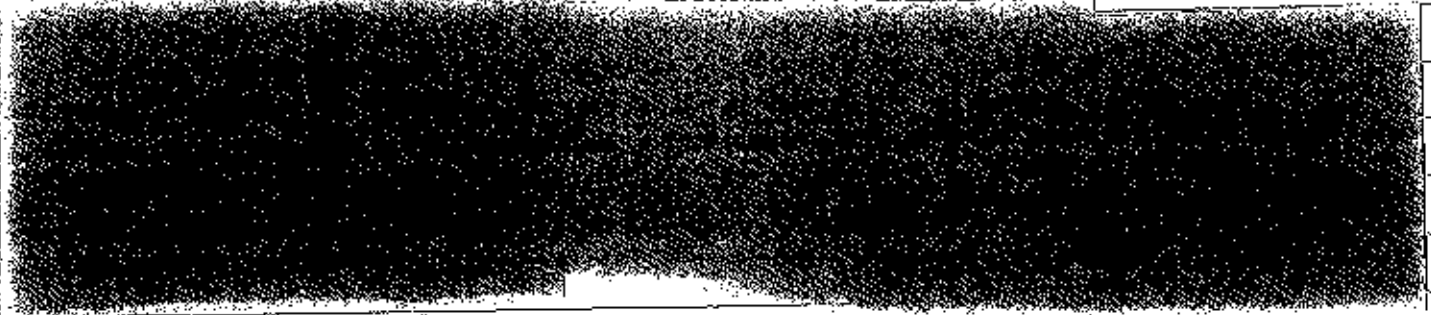
Also it will be harder to see what stock you have, It will not help as doors are soon to be fitted to garages.

Yours Sincerely



31 July 2014

To, Jeremy Hunt MP



Dear Mr. Hunt,

Please do not allow Plain

packaging 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.

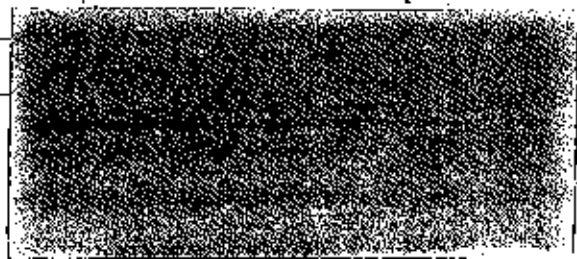
The fake cigarettes are not only more dangerous because they are not regulated and would cause more harm than good.

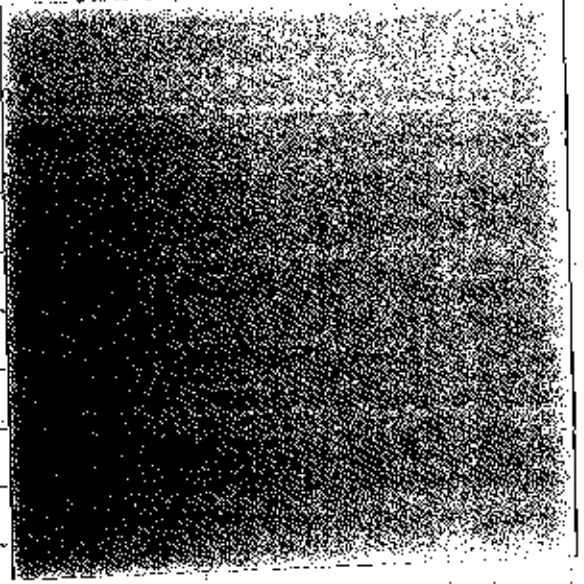
The cost of training staff and putting new procedures into place would also be very expensive to maintain ongoing.

Also the time involved serving 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.

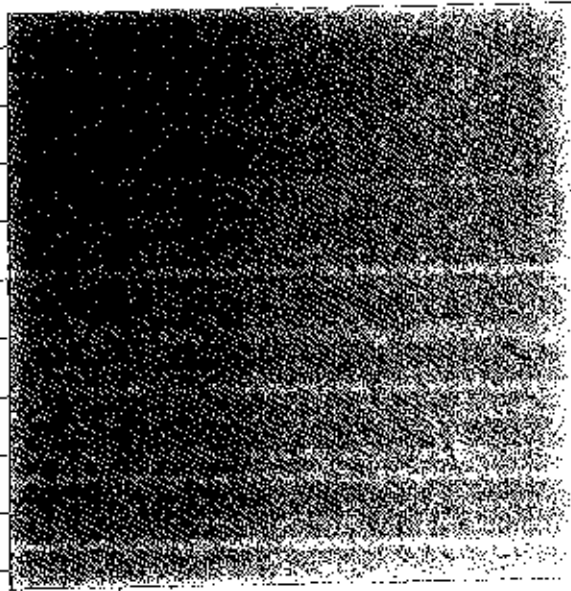
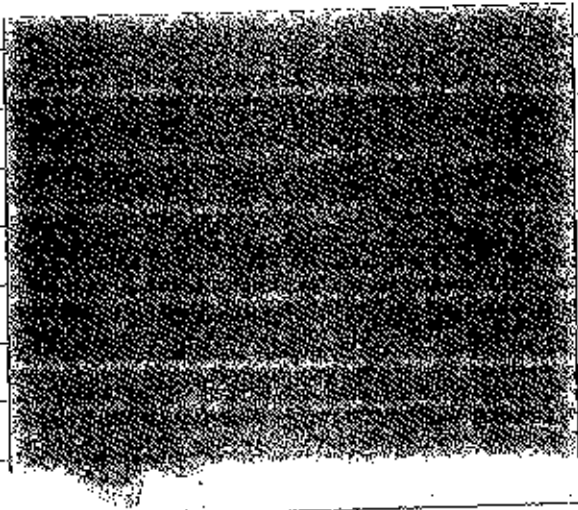
Thank you





TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,
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AND I AM OPPOSED TO STANDARDISED / 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



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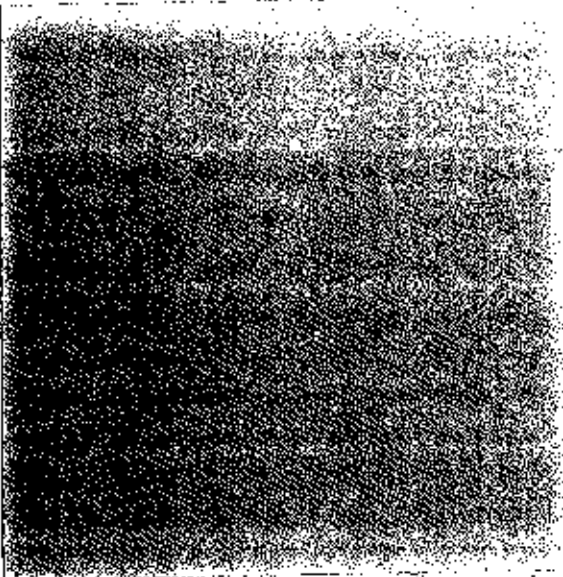
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Dear Sir/Madam

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 deers go on my units. My staff will struggle to serve the customer quickly & 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 Sir;

I am writing in reference to the upcoming of the plain packaging consultation. I believe this is another burden on how I would to run my business. All the laws and legislations 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, this will encourage a lot of footfall and will stop customers purchasing other items. When this starts to promote illicit trade we believe it will encourage criminals to supply kids of an even younger age.

I have yet to see any benefit of any legislation that has been enforced on me or my business and I believe this is just another vote winning exercise without any proof of it making any difference in the purchase of tobacco products. I hope you take my advice into consideration as if it will not affect me, it will affect the whole community.

Manager of costcutter



[REDACTED]

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,

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

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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Standardised Tobacco Packaging Consultation
PO Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

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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 off 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 than you have calculated.

Faithfully,



Owner

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

I am writing to you regarding the removal of brand named cigarette packaging. I have been a shop keeper 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 of cigarettes has made a significant negative affect 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 it 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,
[REDACTED]



30-7-14


Dear Jeremy Hunt M.P.

I am writing this letter to you today regarding the current 'Standardised Packaging' Consultation.

My issues would be

- 1) It would take a lot longer for my members of staff to recognise what brand of cigarettes the customers require.
- 2) I also think that if the public wish to smoke then the plain packs

P. T. O.



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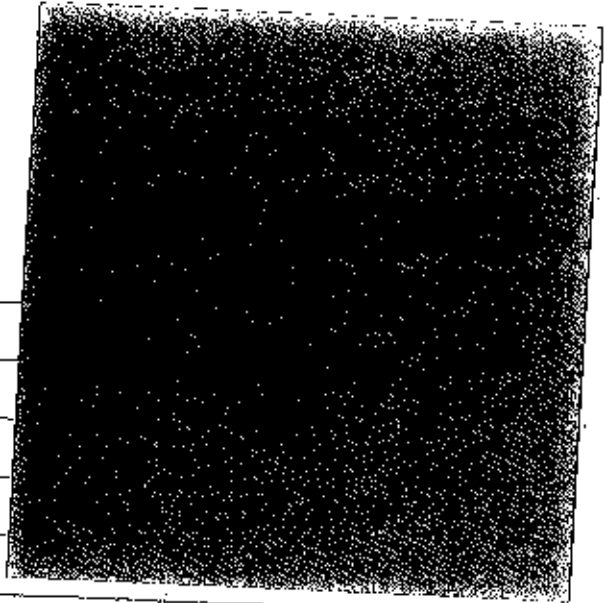
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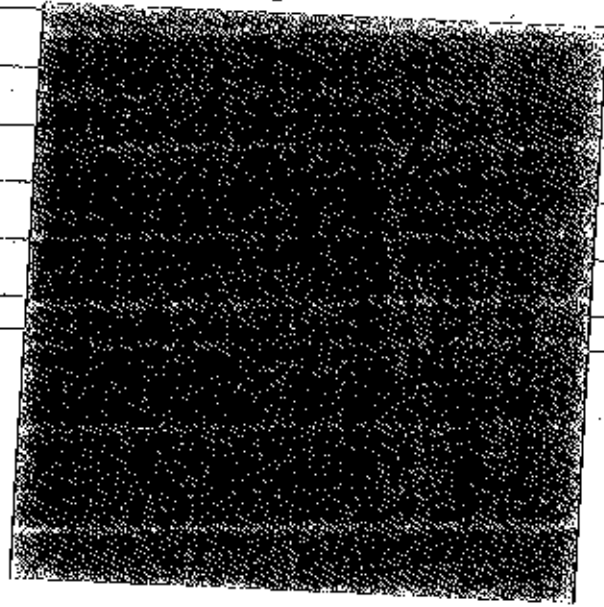





To whom it may concern,

I oppose plain packaging due
to a predicted decrease in profitability
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



[REDACTED]

28 July 2014

Response to the Standardised Tobacco Packaging Consultation 2104

Dear Mr Hunt

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

Assuming that this 'change' is directed at kids, what is the evidence that 'retailers' supply these kids. The vast majority of retailers are law abiding and adhere very closely to the law – they do not sell to kids!

The same cannot be said for the 'underworld market' for tobacco, the small time smugglers, ice cream van, chippy wagon back of a lorry types – as they are operating illegally, do they care who they sell to – NO!

So again the law full are pummelled by the law, will this affect the law less – NO!

Kids don't buy tobacco based on the colour of the packaging, they buy based on what they can get and the price.

In 30 years of retailing never once has a customer said to me 'today I want to smoke those cigs in the shiny blue packet instead of the red ones', smokers know what they want.

The UK has some of the strictest gun controls in the world, yet people still seem to get shot, how many of these shootings are from legally held guns – very few. How many of the kids who smoke buy cigs from legal sources – very few.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

DEPT OF HEALTH,

STANDARDISED TOBACCO PACKAGING CONSULTATION.

P.O. Box 1126

CANTERBURY

CT1 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 smoke as well as fuelling the cigarette smugglers. I would like you to take this into consideration especially since it has had no impact in Australia.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Reference :Plain Packaging of Cigarettes

[REDACTED]

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 [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,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED] I have just open

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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]

[REDACTED]

Store Manager



Re: Proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products

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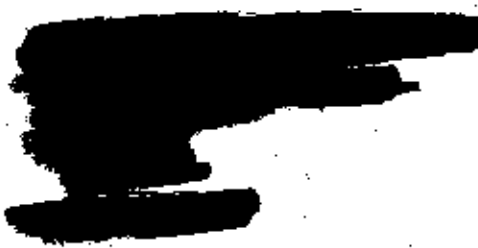
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Yours sincerely,




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 brands than the more expensive ones.

The main reason for my letter is to notify you on the happenings 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 life easier for criminals.

Yours Sincerely,





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Faithfully,



Owner



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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 future plans I have no chance of surviving

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Faithfully,



Director

24th August 2014

The Right Honourable Mr Jeremy Hunt M.P.

Dear Mr Hunt,

Re: PLAIN PACKAGING

I have been a retailer in the C.T.N. 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 branding will not be allowed.
- 2) There is not enough proof that it will lead to a reduction in smoking. (In fact, 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-timers regularly.
- 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

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
04-8-14

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

I am a Independent Retailer who
currently stocks & 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.

Counterfeit will succeed.
Government is suppose to support
Small Independent Businesses
Rather than always supporting Large
Stores.

I oppose to Plain Packaging as
there are no Key Proofs.

Kind Regards
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Jeremy Hunt - MP,

RE: PLAIN PACKAGING

I am writing to express my disapproval on plain packaging, if this is put into place, counterfeit 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 a opportunity for counterfeiters to take our revenue & the governments revenue. I am strongly against plain cigarette packaging and I hope this does not materialise.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

In regards to the standardised tobacco packaging consultation 2014

Dear Jeremy Hunt,

I [REDACTED] 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,

[REDACTED]



Re: Proposed Plain Packaging of Tobacco Products

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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

30 July 2014

THIS IS A FORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

[REDACTED] 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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

29-07-2014

Department of Health
Standardised Tobacco Packaging Consultation
PO Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NE

Dear Sir / Madam,

Legislation to introduce plain packaging for tobacco products

[REDACTED] is 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 day to day life from the store. The mostly they buy cigarettes. We heavily depend on tobacco sales for the profits. This particular legislation will disrupt our income.

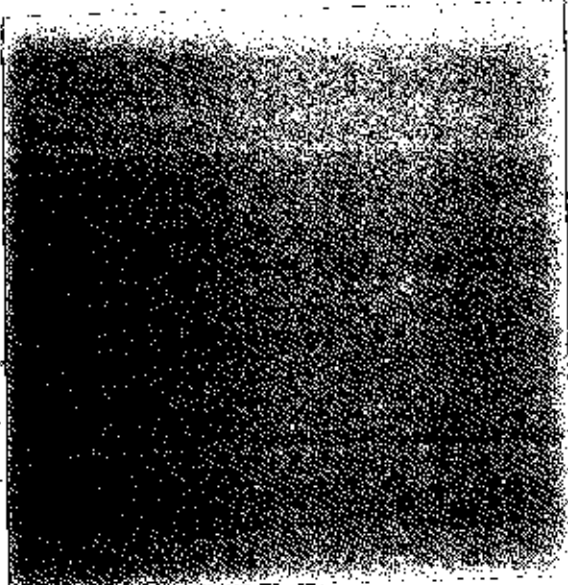
If the legislation will effectively control the smoking we could support it. But it has the possibility to increase the illicit trade. There will be only one packet to counterfeit. The ease of copying will boost illicit trade in the country. Smugglers will increase the availability of tobacco comparatively 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,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



Dear Mr. Hunt M.P.

I could I just 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 check our demanding customers to the black markets I can point out with all products virtually covered in "health warnings". This approach will only see our business dwindle and thus threaten job losses plus less tax for the exchequer.

Yours Sincerely



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

33 July 2014

Mr. J Hunt, MP
House of Commons
London

Dear Mr Hunt,

As a third generation retailer here in Scotland
I write today to ask that you do not go down
the road of plain packaging of tobacco
I have been involved in the debate here in
Scotland and through contact with HM customs
and local awareness plain packaging would
be like mana from heaven for the illicit trade.
We are about to have the cigarette gents
going dark and are already here in Scotland,
have the proxy purchase legislation in place although
the latter has not been published either to
the public or the authorities as we retailers
get little or no response from police when reporting



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 FORCE AND THE MARKET WILL BE
FLOODED WITH FAKE CIGARETTES.

ALREADY I HAVE SEEN PEOPLE
WALKING AROUND CAR BOOT SALES SELLING

[REDACTED]

Tabacco Pack Consultation
Department of Health:

Dear Mr Hart,

With regards to the plain packaging, I consider
that this will create alot of confusion for my elderly
~~consumers who identify there cig's 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

[REDACTED]

TOBACCO PACK
CONSULTATION
DEPARTMENT
OF
HEALTH

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
RE: PLAIN PACKAGING

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 SALE OF LIGHT TOBACCO
FROM THE STREETS SURROUNDING MY BUSINESS.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY VIEW
ON PLAIN PACKAGING IN REACTION 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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

28/7/14

Regards Plain Packaging Consultants

Dear Sir/Madam

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

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

R.E.

Plain Packaging Consultation

Dear Mr Hunt,

I am apposed to anymore tobacco restrictions as it will effect 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 independant retailer the above matter worries me a lot, please act upon ~~our~~ my concerns on the matter.

yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Hunt,

R.S.

Plain packaging consultation,

Most of the customers will have trouble deciding which brand to buy. Also it will make serving the customers longer causing long queues. It will not deterre young smokers as they have longer times to pick what they want eg. holding up the que.

I also think it will make more illegal sigs available. More work for shop assistants, people will get fed up of waiting and go elsewhere.

Your Faithfully

[REDACTED]

28 July 2014

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 Sincerley

[Redacted signature]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

T/A

4/8/14


To WHOM ~~IT~~ MAY CONCERN

I am Independent Retailer, we work very hard to keep our regular customers, and lot of them are not favoring Plain packaging,

They are not happy with ~~the~~ government regulation.

I don't think these will make any difference
(Plain ~~pack~~ packaging)

Thanking you


Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

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.

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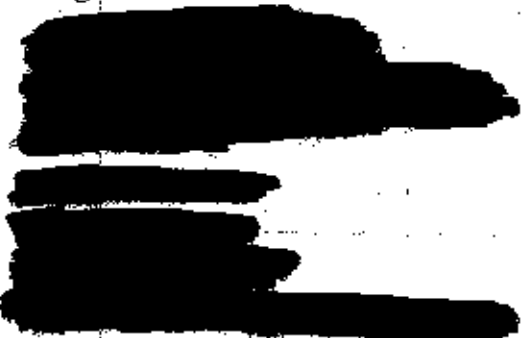


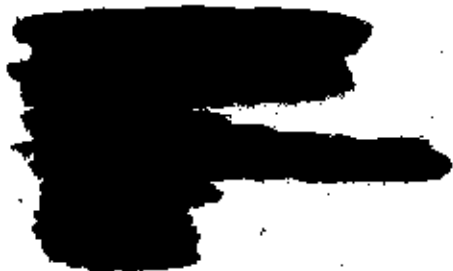
To Whom It May Concern:

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





15th AUGUST, 2014.

Jeremy Hunt M.P.
Dept of Health,
7th Floor,
Wellington House,
133-135 Waterloo Road,
London,
SE1 1UG.

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,



[REDACTED]

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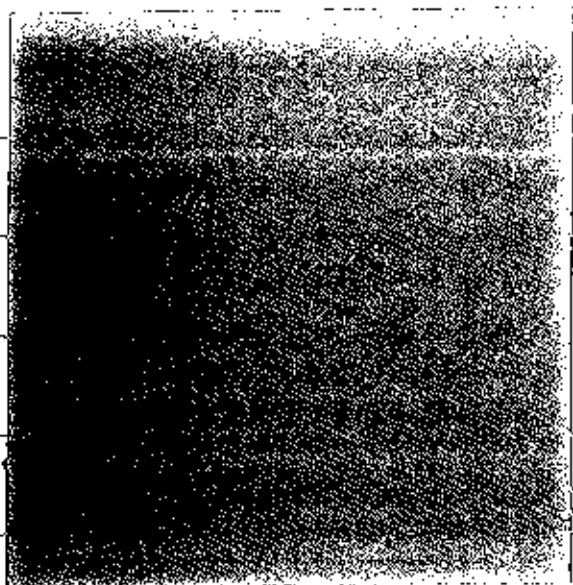
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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

JERRY HUNT
Governor of North Carolina
P.O. Box 1016
Winston-Salem



Dear Jerry Hunt Mr.

We are disappointed to hear
that you have to raise the price
of your product. It is not a very good thing
to have increasing consumer to
the different countries and encourage
them to spend more and to have the
increase more significant to the
American people to consumer is if you
have been buying from the
don't see the point of not advertising
the brand name. It will help
determine to check on the brand name
prices on supermarket shelves
American people to consumer is the government

Mr Jeremy Hunt
Minister of Health
133 Waterloo Road
London

Ses 8/2

29/2/11

Dear Sir

With regard to your proposed laws
regarding ~~then~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ I will be
pleased this is ~~to~~ ~~to~~ to ~~to~~
Oneworld says as the party are
and ~~to~~ ~~to~~ ~~to~~ reducing the sales
do not care what ~~the~~ ~~the~~ people are
either.

Small business bear the brunt of
pointless laws and suffer ~~consequences~~
because of red-tape. You should

WILKINSON'S

SPAR



VAT Registration Number [REDACTED]

Tel. [REDACTED]
Fax. [REDACTED]

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,

[REDACTED]
Director



Centra

For the way we live today

21st 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, will have to implement more training policies and confuse our already

diminishing customer base.

I implore you to act carefully before any decisions are made.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
30/7/14.

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

I am writing to you in regards of the formal consultation response. I as a retailer have many concerns about the plain package cigarettes. 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 manufacturers as well as retailers. Many of my customers have also raised their concerns as they believe 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 footfall or make more people turn to an alternative like the E-Cigarette. 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 this idea or not thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
01/08/2014

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-pricing 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
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

29/07/2014

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,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

28/7/14

Dear
Jeremy 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.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

31st July 14

F.A.O. Mr Jeremy Hunt

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's 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 petrol station/convenience store.

However the most obvious risk 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 and/or our customers! This greatly affects our turnover as not only are they not coming into our shop to buy cigarettes but other impulse sales like drinks etc are lost! As a small voice I would ask you not to take such a big step in this very wrong direction!

Yours
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

MR JEREMY HUNT M.P.
THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO PLAIN PARKING.
CONSULTATION #


THIS WILL GREATLY AFFECT
MY BUSINESS AS PEOPLE WILL
DOWN TRADE AND ILLEGAL TOBACCO
WILL BE COME - READY MORE
WIDELY AVAILABLE.

I AM TOTALLY AGAINST

PLAIN PACKAGING EITHER
NOW OR IN THE ~~PRESENT~~ FUTURE

YOURS SINCERELY

[REDACTED]



31.07.14

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 were 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,



District President NFRN Northern Ireland

[REDACTED]

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 665,000 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 16% of cigarettes consumed in the UK are not bought in UK retail and 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

[REDACTED]

To

TOBACCO PACK CONSULTATION
DEPT OF HEALTH

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

BEAR MISTEN HUNT

REF:- PLAIN PACKAGING CONSULTATION.

I THINK IT WILL BE A BAD IDEA FOR BUSINESS
AND CUSTOMER POINT AS WELL

AS WE HAVE SPACE TO CUSTOMERS AND THEY TOLD

US IT WILL BE A BAD IDEA FOR THIS.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To Jeremy Hunt MP,

I am an independent [REDACTED] retailer and I am writing in response to current consultation to 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 having 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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Jeremy Hunt,

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madame

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.

[REDACTED]


Thank you for reading this letter

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

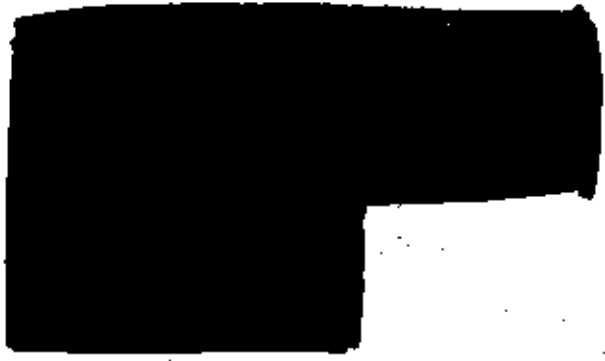
DEAR SIR,

IF PLAIN PACKETS COMING TO PLACE
THEN MY BUSINESS WILL SUFFER. KIDS WILL
START SMOKING AND NO KNOWING WHAT THEY ARE.
PLEASE CAN WE STICK TO NORMAL PACK.

[REDACTED]



I think it will fuel Black market in
Daddy Cigs plus smuggling, It will affect my
business. It will cause me more tension when
serving 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 downbraid 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 CEO's?

Regards,

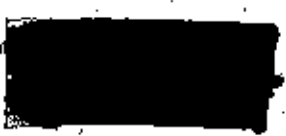


Jeremy Hunt MP
 Tobacco Pack consultation
 Dept of Health
 London
 SE1 7UG

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 purchasing 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 increase to sixty five percent of the pack and think this is a sufficient warning.

Yours Sincerely



[REDACTED]

28/07/2014

Dear: Jeremy Hunt MP

I do not agree with parking

My business will suffer, and smuggling
will increase

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Sir

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

Please re 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.

[REDACTED]

31-07-2014

From

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir,

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

25th July 2014

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 excessive and ridiculous measure.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Treasury that MP.

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 would turn back to cheaper brands & an increase in illegal tobacco.

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

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

1ST July 2014

STANDARDISED TOBACCO PACKAGING CONSULTATION

Dear Sir,

I OBJECT TO THE IDEA OF PLAIN
PACKS ON CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO.

I AM A CITY CENTRE SHOP WHO
SALS ALOT 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,

[REDACTED]

~

[REDACTED]

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

We are against plain packaging because all cigarettes will look the same, customers will get confused in names, price and will affect the sales of expensive brands, the customers and us will not know the quality i.e. Carlton and Benson, we will find it hard to explain to them, or what cigarette to have or buy it will be very confusing for us all and very time consuming.

[REDACTED]

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 myself in terms of staff training and serving time.

As I hope you are aware the Government said that they are trying to help the small businessman 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 to tobacco sales despite all the recently implemented regulations.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

28TH JULY 2014

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

SPAR

Dear Sir

Standardised Packaging of Tobacco

The plain packs of
Tobacco will have a big impact
on my business.

There will be an increase
in counterfeit trade plus an
waiting time will be increased
as my staff try and work out
which pack is which. This will
mean an increase in costs for
training staff, and a decrease
in profit.

Please handle the
packs above.

Yours Sincerely

[Redacted signature]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
24th 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 an adverse 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
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

RE: PLAIN PACKAGING CONSULTATION

DEAR MR HUNT:

I am 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
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

25th July 2014

Tobacco Packs Consultation

Department of Health

7th Floor

Wellington House

133-155 Waterloo Road


London

SE18 1UG

Dear Sirs,

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 PACKS COALITION

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

7th FLOOR

WELLINGTON HOUSE

133-135 WATERLOO RD

LONDON

SE1 1UG

Dear Sir,

We are concerned about the introduction of plain packaging, as this will increase in selling of illegal tobacco, it will be hard to spot fakes and more importantly this is going to reduce my profit margins. This will also take longer to distinguish between brands. Hope you take my views into consideration.

Yours Sincerely

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;

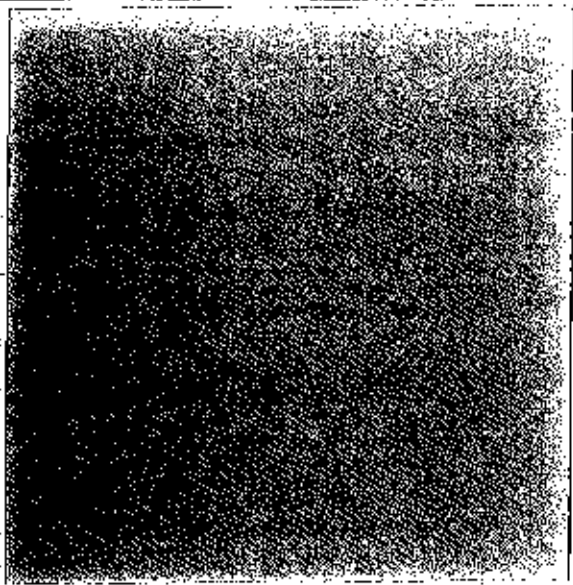
- RDB becomes active as of 6th April 2015 this will ensure tobacco products are already covered.
- The new legislation will ensure tobacco products are covered at 65% of the packet therefore making the packets plain on top of this would cause more problems identifying the products.
- Cost more as staff 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 independant stores closing down, more unemployed, more empty shops.

Yours Sincerely



REF TOBACCO PACKAGING LEGISLATION

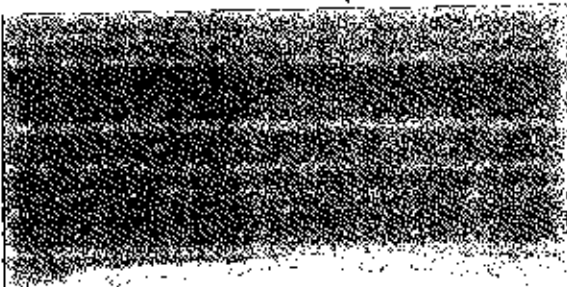


Dear Mr Hunt

Concern re
on Tol
has a
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am writing to you with grave
concern re inclusion of plain packaging
legislation in an environment that
has a high level of smuggled products, and
that this I am also
concerned about the amount of time it will take me
to serve my customers as all packaging will be changed
into one. Also, with the restriction coming into place,
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 hopefully



DEPT OF HEALTH.

Standardised Packaging CONSULTATION

PO Box 1126

CANTERBURY

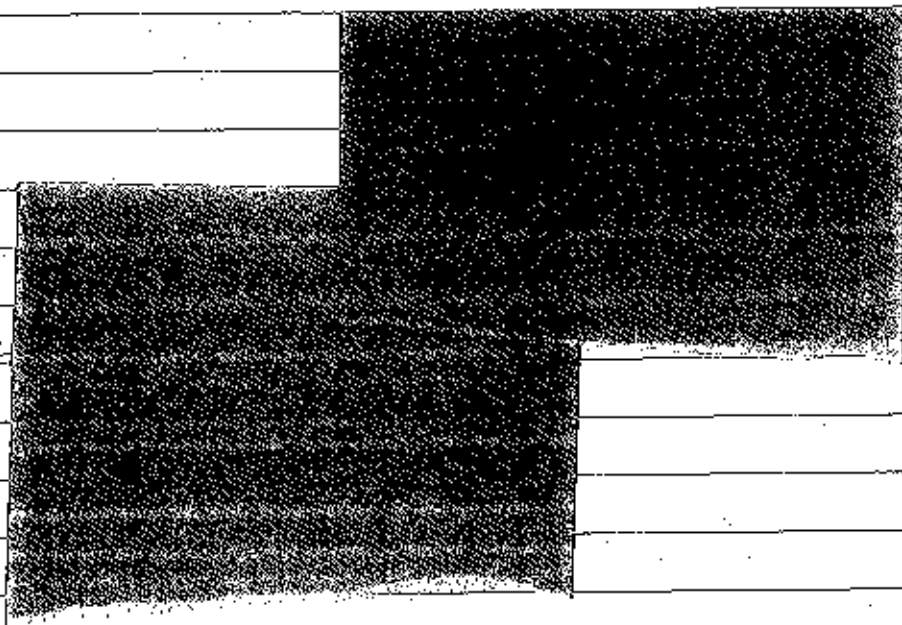
DATE 31.7.2014

Re: PLAIN Packaging CONSULTATION

Plain packaging more Problem for
retails, it take more time to serve
customers and find the right Brand

Plain Packaging incourse illegal trade

and gambled cause LOSS OF REVENUE



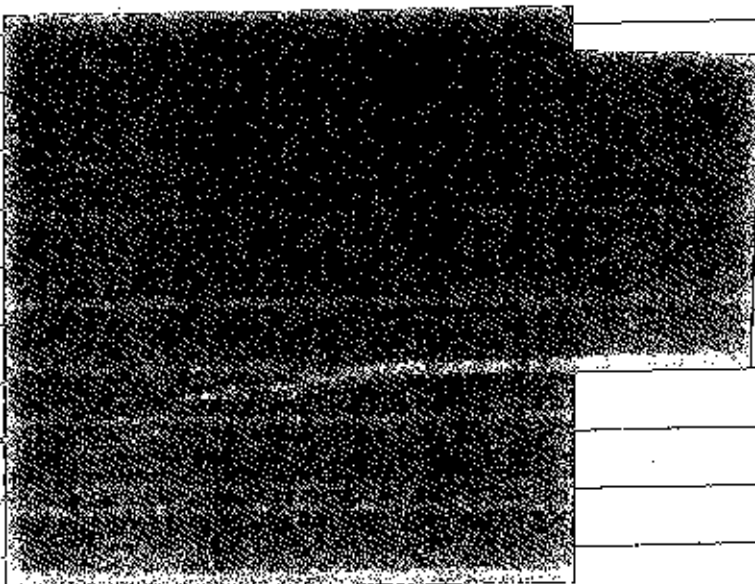
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DEPT OF HEALTH
STANDARDISED PACKAGING CONSULTATION
P.O. Box 1126
CANTERBURY
CT1 9 NB

REF: PLAIN PACKAGING CONSULTATION

DEAR SIR / MADAM

INTRODUCING PLAIN PACKAGING WILL
ADVERSELY AFFECT BUSINESSES.
PLAIN PACKAGING WILL CAUSE MAJOR PROBLEMS
FOR RETAILERS
IT WILL TAKE EXTRA TIME TO FIND A RIGHT
BRAND WHEN WE ARE BUSY TIME, AND
IT WILL ~~BE~~ INCORPORATE ILLEGAL TRADE.



Dept of Health

Standardised Packaging consultation

Po Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

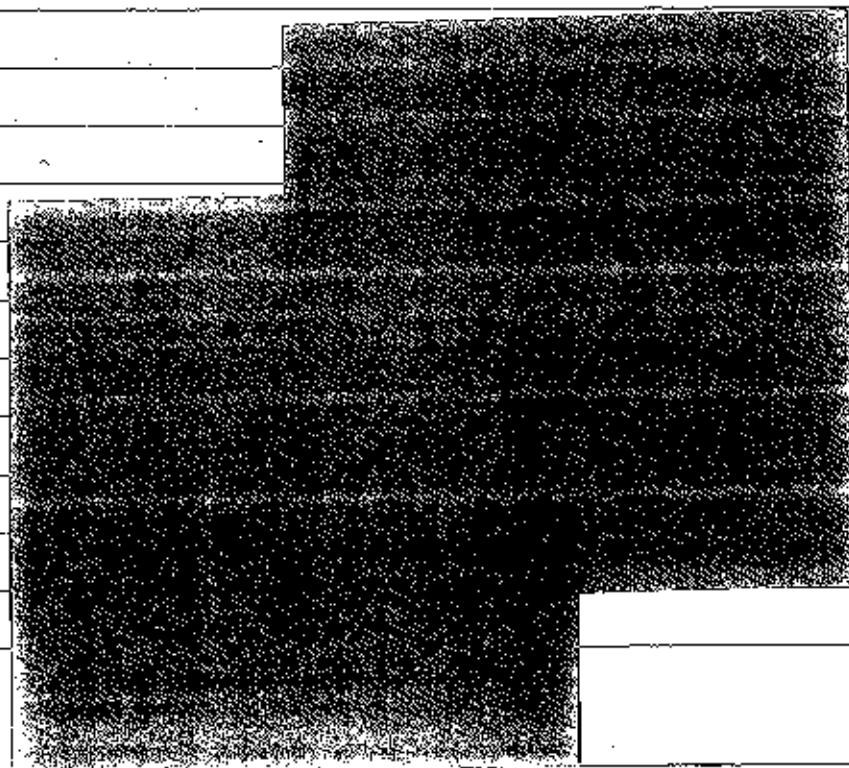
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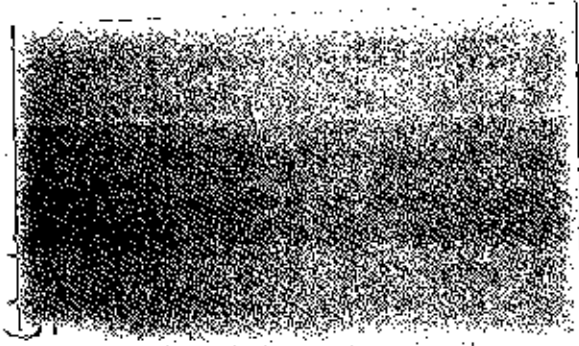
Re: Plain Packaging consultation

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

Plain packaging encourage illegal trade
and government lose revenue.

I think this is not good idea.





TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN!!

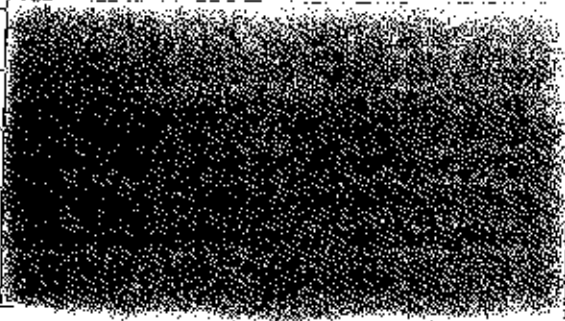
I AM AN INDEPENDENT RETAILER THAT OVERLOOKS
A BEST PART OF OUR 8 SHOPS OUT OF A TOTAL OF 10.
WHAT I CANT UNDERSTAND IS THE AWKWARD PROPOSITION
OF SOME LOONY EURO BUREAUCRATS TRYING TO INTRODUCE
PLAIN PACKAGING CIGARETTES JUST SO THAT CHILDREN &
AZLIKES ARE NOT STARTIN UP SMOKING THIS FAR NOT EVEN
FAR AWAY AT NHS BUDGET IN SOME 20 YEARS TIME, ALTHOUGH
NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE HAS PROVEN 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
LESS ALCOHOL THAN ANY OTHER STATE IN INDIA.

ENOUGH SAID

Yours Sincerely



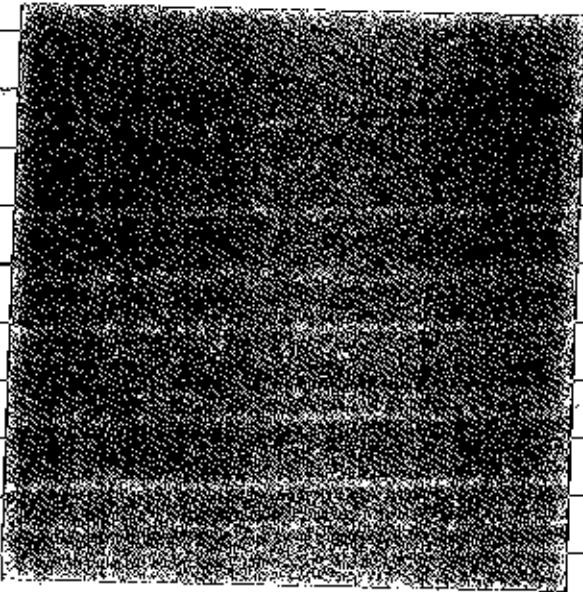



DEAR SIR / MADAM

I AM WRITING TO PROTEST AGAINST
THE STANDARDISED PACKAGING CONSULTATION.

AS AN INDEPENDENT RETAILER WE RELY ON
TOBACCO TO GENERATE FOOTFALL AND FOR
CASH FLOW + PROFIT.

STANDARDISED PACKAGING WILL ENCOURAGE ILLEGAL
TRADE AND BLACK MARKET TRADING



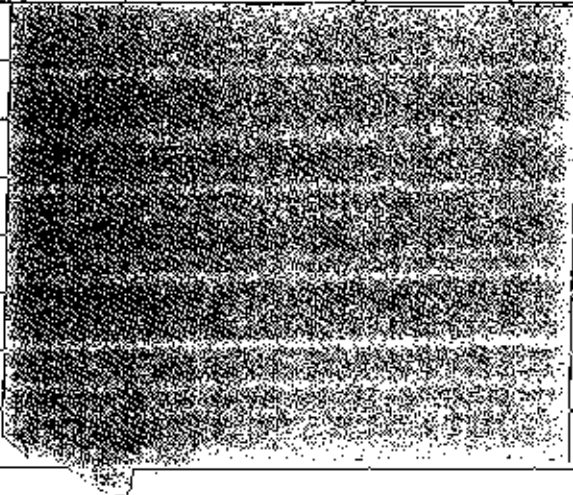


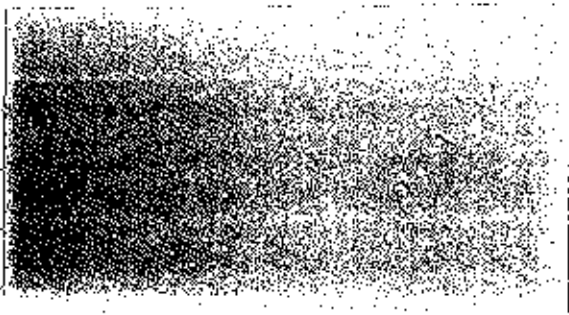
Dear Sir Madam

I am writing to voice my concerns regarding standardised packaging consultation.

As a retailer I rely predominantly on tobacco sales for profit + turnover of my business.

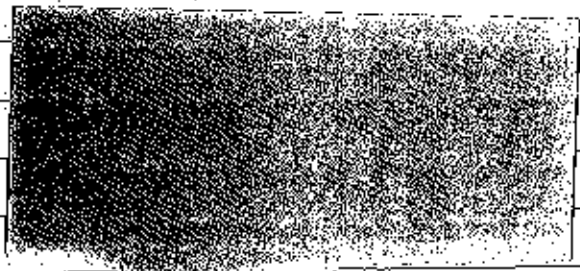
By bringing in standardised packaging consultation this will effect all retailers business + tobacco sales in a negative way and encourage illegal trading + counterfeiting.





3/7/14

I OBTAIN TO THE BANK OFFICIAL AS I FEEL
IT WILL ENCOURAGE CRIMINALS TO MAKE FURTHER
CIGARETTE AND OTHER LEGITIMATE BUSINESS



3/7/14

I OBJECT TO PLAIN PACKAGING
BECAUSE IT WILL HAVE A HUGE
NEGATIVE EFFECT ON MY BUSINESS

[REDACTED]

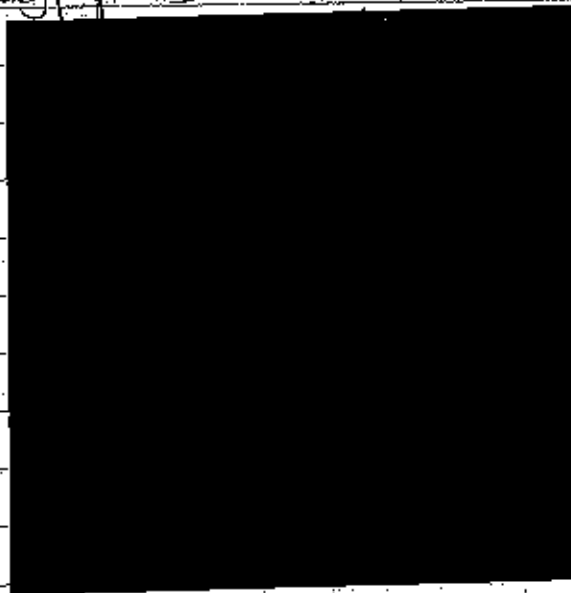
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on their Business Since

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



1. ~~ASSASSIN~~ TO KILL PLOT IT WILL BE

ANOTHER BLESSING



Dept. of Health
Standardised Pack Consultation
PO Box 1126
Canterbury.
CT1 7NB

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.

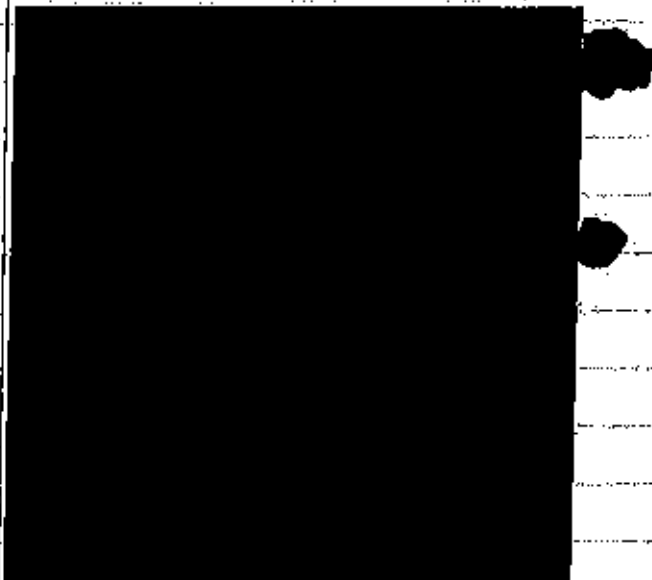


Dear Jeremy Hunt MP,

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.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STANDARDISATION PACKAGING CONSULTATIONS
P.O. Box 1126
CANTON BURY
CT1-9NB

RE PLAIN PACKAGING CONSULTATIONS

DEAR SIR/MADAM,

INTRODUCING PLAIN PACKAGING WILL INCREASE

THE TIME SCALE IN ORDER TO SERVE CUSTOMER

ALSO IT WILL INCREASE IN ILLEGAL TRADES SO

GOVERNMENT WILL LOSE THE REVENUE IT WILL

BE VERY HARD TO TELL THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN

THE BRANDS. NOT TO MENTION THE DISPLAY BAN

COMING TO EFFECT NEXT YEAR

YOURS SINCERELY

31/07/2014

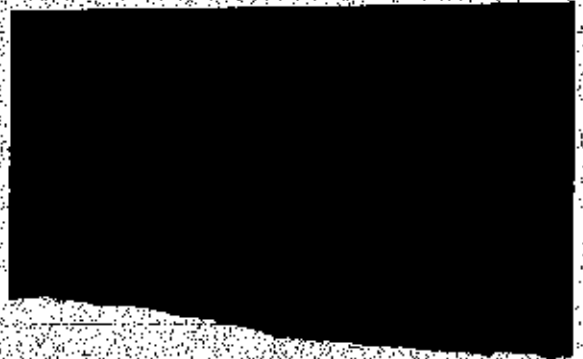
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Unenclosed packaging consultation
"O Box 176.
can't do any
RTI 9 NB

Re: Plain Packaging Consultation

To whom it may concern. I would like to put my warning across on plain packaging. First point is that not every person can read fully and the colour help I myself is dyslexia and the colour help me to serve and do my job. Secondly with the standards being covered up, with Doves all this is going to do is increase the time it takes to serve the customer which will result in the Doves being open longer which will only defeat the reason for the ban in the first place.

Thank you

Department of Health
Standardized Packaging Consultation
P.O. Box 1126
CANTON SQUARE
CT 06103



Dear Scott Macdonald

Plain 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's like a license to print money to these people.


Small businesses are constantly hammered with Bank Charges, Business Rates and illicit trade just across the border.

Also plain packaging has been proven totally ineffective in reducing underage smoking. Australia's figures have recently proven this.

Give us legitimate small businesses a chance!

Sincerely





Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

This is a Formal Contribution Response

I own a Successful business in shopping and in doing great got a family few other shops around the area

by way enough about me, I heard that Plain Packaging on cigarettes will be coming soon, To me it seems absolutely ridiculous that you ever thought of a plan like that and here are my reasons why?

Make our jobs more difficult

Loss of Sales

Loss of Sales means the staff I employ will be effected

Didn't work in Australia & it been proven

illegal Trade will be more in demand already it move in UK

Plain Packaging will have adverse effect on small business


Footfall will drop

By the time I find the cigarette they want another item in my store will market

Thank you for listening to the actual reason who be effected

Well done my heart, your plans Sucks!!

Your Secretary



MR JEREMY HUNT
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
7th Floor
WELLINGTON HOUSE
133-135 WATERLOO RD
LONDON SE1 8UG

DEAR JEREMY HUNT

WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED PLAIN
PACKAGING LEGISLATION I WOULD LIKE TO RAISE THE
FOLLOWING POINTS

- (i) THE DISPLAY BAN HAS NOT EVEN COME INTO
FORCE FOR SMALL SHOPS AND YOU ARE FORCING EVERY
MORE RESTRICTIONS
- (ii) PLAIN ~~PACK~~ PACKAGING IS UNNECESSARY AS
HEALTH WARNINGS WILL ALREADY INCREASE UNDER
THE E.U. T.D. DIRECTIVE
- (iii) THE GOVERNMENT IS SUPPOSED TO BE
SUPPORTING SM SHOPS INSTEAD OF TRYING TO
IMPOSE MORE RED TAPE
- (iv) REMOVING BRANDING MAKES IT EASIER
FOR CRIMINAL GANGS TO COPY THIS REDUCES
MY FOOTFALL & 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 MANDATE TO HELP SMALL
BUSINESS BUSINESSES

YOURS FAITHFULLY

29th/06/2014.

Tobacco Packs Consultation
Department of Health
7th Floor

WELLSHAW HOUSE

133-135 WELLSHAW ROAD
LONDON

SE1 1UG

DEAR SIR/MADAME

I AM AGAINST THE INTRO. DUTION OF FLAV PACKS
BECAUSE

- LOSE OF SALES DUE TO ILLEGAL TRADE.
- STATE CONFUSION AND TIME OF SERVICE = LOSS OF PROFITS.
- LOSS OF BRAND LOYALTY SOME BRANDS MAKE ME MORE MONEY SO I WILL LOSE MY EARNINGS.
- I FEEL YOU ARE PUNISHING SMALL BUSINESSES

A CROSS RETAILER.

28th July 2019

Tobacco Pacts Consultation

Department of Health

7th Floor

Wellington House

123-125 Waterloo Road

London

SE1 1UG

To Whom it may Concern

I am writing to convey my concerns over the proposed legislation regarding plain packaging on tobacco products. I feel that it will encourage illicit trade in the area and affect my business. Also, it would take more time for myself to serve customers and drive down profits because of loss of brand loyalty. It will affect my business profit and customer footfall.

Yours A Concerned 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, BUT THE PROBLEM HAS ALSO GONE UNDERGROUND WITH PEOPLE BUYING BLACK MARKET OR COUNTERFEIT GOODS. THE LOSS HAS BEEN INCURRED ~~BY~~ NOT ONLY BY THE SHOPKEEPERS, BUT BY THE GOV ALSO, LOSING REVENUE.

TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO SAY THAT PLAIN PACKAGING WILL MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE. IN THE SUN NEWSPAPER DATED 31/7/14 ON PAGE 23 IT STATES THAT SALES IN AUSTRALIA HAVE COME UP.

LASTLY THE CONFUSION THAT STAFF WILL HAVE SERVING CUSTOMERS CANNOT BE UNDERSTOOD. IF EVERYTHING LOOKS THE SAME HOW WILL WE EVER ~~DIFFERENTIATE~~ DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THEM. IT IS BAD ENOUGH AS IT IS CONSIDERING WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THE PRODUCTS ARE ANYWHERE.

Your Sincerely

[REDACTED]

10/07/14

DEAR JEREMY HUNT MP

RESPONST TO PLAIN PACKAGING CONSULTATION

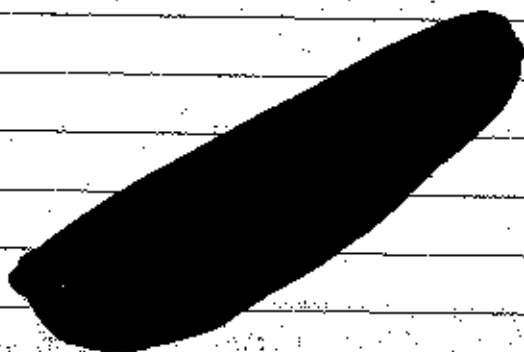
I AM AN INDEPENDENT RETAILER WHO HAS OWNED STORES FOR THE LAST 6 YEARS.

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 2015 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 AUSTRALIA INDICATES AN INCREASE IN THE ILLEGAL TOBACCO TRADE THIS WILL HAVE A HUGE IMPACT ON THE ~~REVENUE~~ REVENUE COLLECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

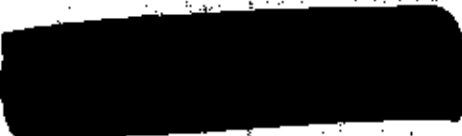
I STRONGLY OPPOSE PLAIN PACKAGING
ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS FOR THE REASONS
STATED ABOVE.

A large, irregular black redaction mark covering the signature area.A horizontal black redaction mark covering the name of the owner.

OWNER

3/2/4

Object To Plain Packaging



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

P.O. BOX 1126

CANTERBURY
CT 1 9NB



REF: Plain Packaging Consultation.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PROPOSED LAW WILL HAVE
IN MY OPINION AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON MY BUSINESS
IN AN ALREADY HARD TRADING PERIOD.
IF OR WHEN THE PACKS GO PLAIN THE SUPPLY OF ILLEGAL
TOBACCO WILL RISE, THE ABILITY TO COPY AND DISTRIBUTE
THEM WILL BE MADE EASIER FOR GANGS.
IT HAS BEEN PROVEN IN OTHER MARKETS THATS PLAIN
PACKAGING HAS NOT WORK AND COST REVENUE TO THE
GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESSES.



TOBACCO PACKS CONSULTATION

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

7TH FLOOR

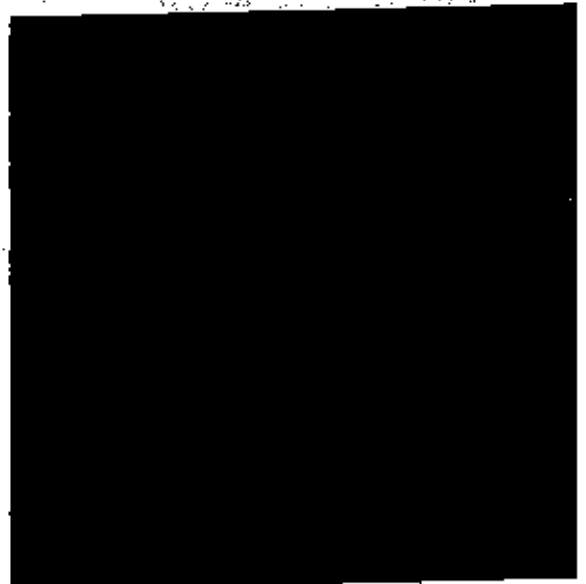
WELLINGTON HOUSE

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LONDON

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29TH JULY 2014



RETAILERS Formal CONSULTATION Response

DEAR JEREMY HUNT MP,

I AM WRITING TO YOU AS AN HONEST, HARD-
WORKING RETAILER, A TAX PAYER, COMMITTED TO MY LOCAL CUSTOMERS &
COMMUNITY HERE IN SAINTFIELD, NORTHEN IRELAND.

I, MY STAFF AND MY CUSTOMERS SPONTANEOUSLY BELIEVE THAT THE
PROPOSED MEASURES ON THIS IMPORTANT ASPECT OF OUR SMALL
BUSINESS WILL DO ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO PREVENT OR RESTRICT

TOBACCO PURCHASES IN THE UK. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE EVIDENCE PRESENT FROM COUNTRIES EG. AUSTRALIA & CANADA SHOW THAT THESE PLANNED CHANGES WERE OF NO EFFECT ON TOBACCO SALES AND THE AGE AT WHICH PEOPLE START SMOKING.

WHAT THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WILL DO IS TAKE UP CRIMINAL, ILLEGAL TRADING AND SUBSEQUENTLY DESTROY OUR WELL CONTROLLED AND RESPONSIBLE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

AS WE CAN SEE FROM THE DRUG CHURCHES WITHIN THE UK IT IS CLEAR THAT CRIMINALS DO NOT WORRY ABOUT THE AGE OF THEIR CUSTOMER!! WHOSE RESOURCES WORK HARD TO ENSURE THAT TOBACCO IS SOLD TO ONLY PEOPLE OF THE LEGAL AGE (18)!!

AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF MY LOCAL COMMUNITY AND AN EMPLOYER OF 10 FULL/PART TIME STAFF WE CANNOT SUSTAIN MORE CONFUSING OBLIVIOUS PLACES UPON OUR HIGH STREET!!

WE ARE APPEALING TO YOU TO PROTECT OUR SMALL BUT IMPORTANT BUSINESSES (MAYBE NOT TO YOU!!) AND DESIST FROM IMPOSING MORE UN-THOUGHT MEASURES.

Yours Sincerely



REDACTED TO MY COMMUNITY

81-7-14

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

Serving Time for My customers

may cause tension between staff & customers

cause extra stress for owners & staff if
giving wrong cigarettes to the customer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Jeremy Hunt MP
Department of Health
Standardised Tobacco Packaging Consultation
PO Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

[REDACTED]

Tel: [REDACTED]

30 July 2014

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:

- o Fuel the black market in counterfeit and smuggled tobacco. This has been the effect in Australia. Already, up to 16% of cigarettes consumed in the UK are not bought in UK retail, and this will get worse.
- o Frustrate my customers as I need to spend more time serving them.
- o 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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam

Standard Packs

I am writing to you as an independent retailer who is gravely 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, time a till point and most importantly LOST PROFITS.

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

Your sincerely

[REDACTED]

Pian Puzing

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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
[REDACTED]

Department of Health
Standard Packaging Consultant
PO Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9WZ

Mr. Row Williams

29th July 2014

I have 2 main concerns regarding the proposed plain packaging laws.

- ① The impact that it will have on my business, by the extra time it will be to find the product and increase the time taken to serve customers.
- ② The increase of illegal tobacco will happen as the packs will be easier to copy and make. Not only will this impact my business, the government revenue, but also the regulations of sale i.e. underage

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 is 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 their 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 retailers 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 will 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
133-155 Waterloo Road
LONDON
SE1 1UG

28th 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



SPAR 

Department of Health Standardised Packaging Consultation
PO Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

31st July 2014

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 who 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 loom 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 repairing 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




Dear Sir/Madam,

I manage an independent retail & feel the plain packaging will cause problems allround. 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 the same 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 standardies of plain packages
and it would be very difficult to recouge the
packet of tobacco which brand I am looking
the customer all which take billions time to
sell the customer. The sales of the tobacco will be
down and there will be alot in black market which
is not very good for the revenue and the economic
for the country.

Yours Sincerely



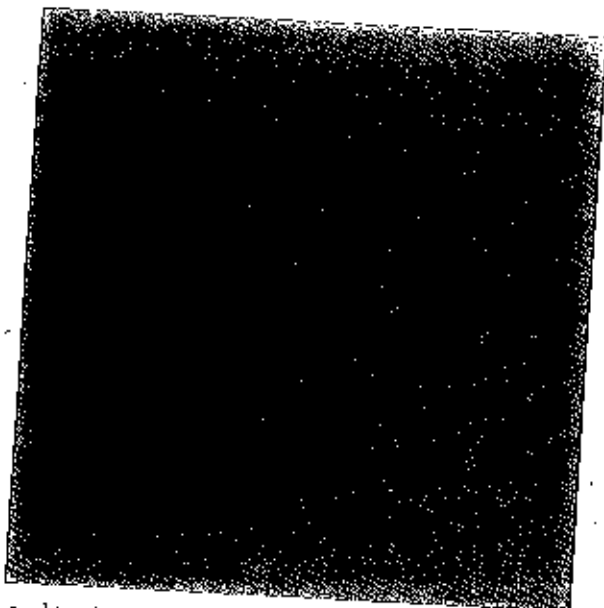
DEAR JEREMY HUNT M.P.
TOBACCO PACKS CONSULTATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
7th FLOOR WELLINGTON HOUSE
133-135 WATERLOO ROAD LONDON SE1 1UG

I HAVE ASKED MANY 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 MOTHER + FATHERS 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 ALOT 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

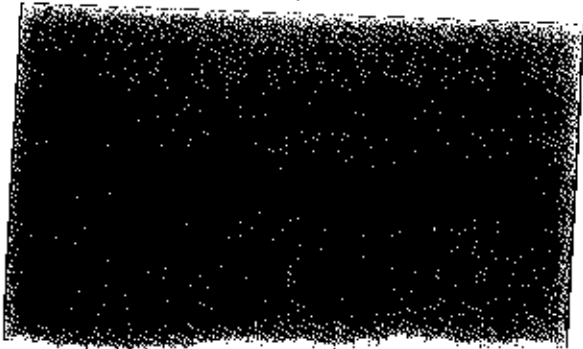
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

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 in the black
market re. 50gram Golden Virginia £8.00
125g £2.00.

How can we compete with these smuggles.

If plain packs come in it will only get worse.

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





25/7/2014


DEAR, Jeremy Hunt M.P.

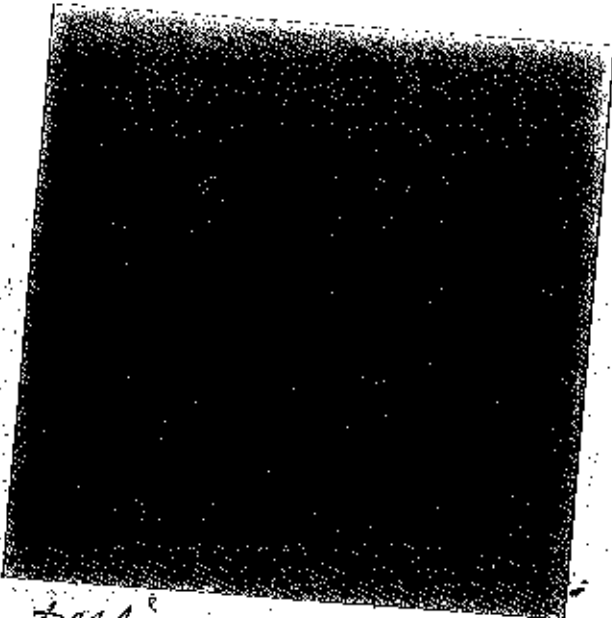
This is a respond to the consultation on
Plain cigarette packets.

I run a general STORE in Northfield,
and sell a great deal of cigarettes
in fact rely on cigarette sales to bring in
cash to my shop.

I believe that plain packaging will increase
black market trading and so reduce my business and
profits

and criminals don't care who they sell to
so more children will end up getting
cigarette. I am concerned about my
livelihood and future business prospects
Please have well alone. Your Sincerely





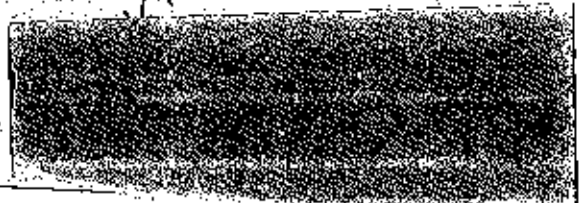
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP


PROPOSED Plain Packaging of Cigarettes

I don't think plain packaging will stop people smoking, or that branded cigarettes which we all ready have made people smoke. It will just make the job harder looking for the customer's request.

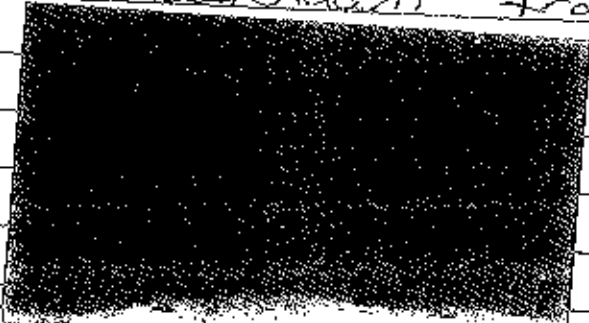
I also think it will open the flood gates for more illicit cigarettes, government money out on the taxes!! Just look at Australia!!

Yours sincerely,

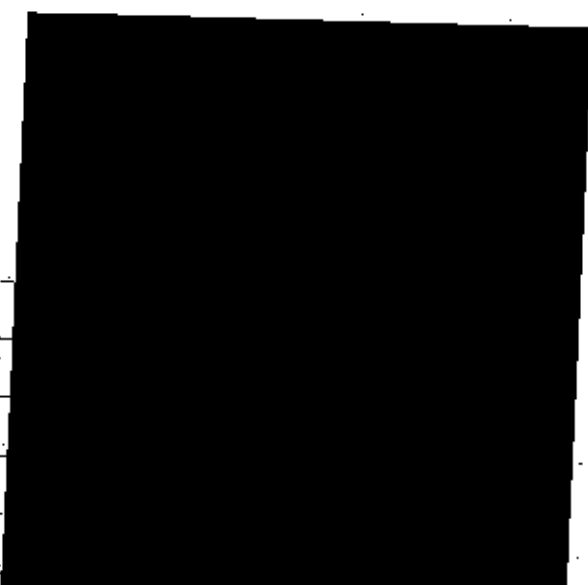




To whom it may concern,
I appose plain packaging, as
I fear it will bring more
counterfit cigarettes to the
market, which will effect
all independant trade's



forecourt manager.



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 footfall and then sales through the independent trade

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 do 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 14 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 warning will increase to 60% 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 brands.

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 stores.

Retailers ensure ~~that~~ tobacco products are sold to people aged 18 or over, CRIMINALS DO NOT!!

I strongly oppose plain packaging on tobacco products.

Yours sincerely

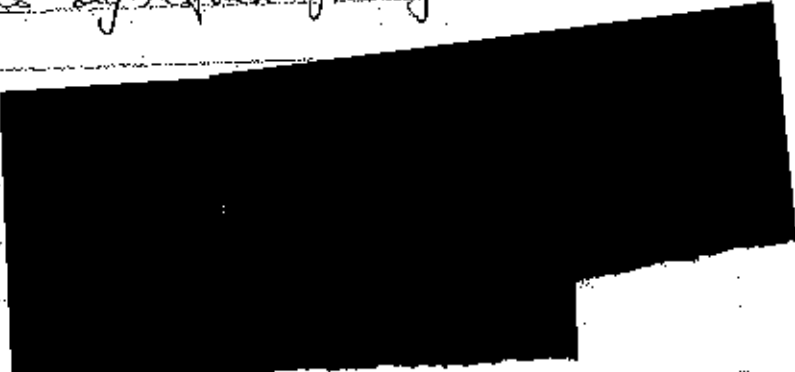



DEAR SIR/MADAM,

We are not happy at all regarding standardized packaging of tobacco products in the UK Market. Our reasons behind this and our main concern is that to believe it will drive sales to the illicit market. This is not good for business therefore we will lose trade and profit in an already difficult time. Also I have grave concern about being able to locate products for customers if the 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 wanting to wait around to be served.

I cannot understand also, your proposal, when the sale of tobacco products to over 18's is a perfectly legal process and people are choosing to buy and smoke them. I understand legislation being put in place to discourage smoking, especially in the young people of the nation, but placing all products in plain packaging isn't going to affect this situation. I urge you not to continue with pushing this legislation forward and to think of the negative impact it will have on the livelihood of the many 1000's of retailers trying to earn and maintain living in the UK. I look forward to any response you may have.

Kind Regards,





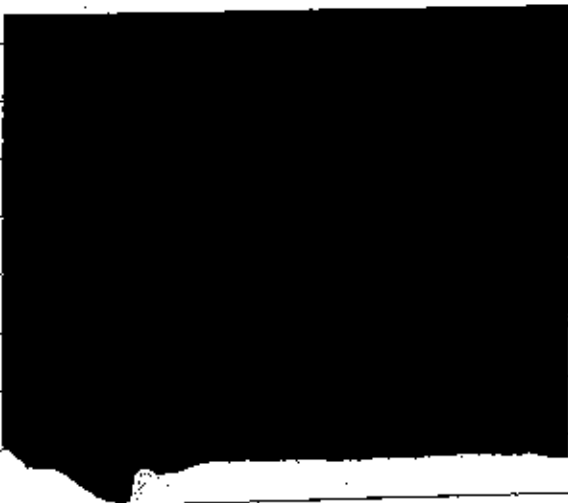
Dear Sir,


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: Proposed Plain Packaging of tobacco products.

To whom it may concern,

I am an independent foreign trader, I find it difficult to believe that the UK Government are considering plain packs for tobacco.

We are currently fighting against counterfeit goods, also due to high taxation already in place. We are already incurring cost for the display ban.

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

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

Yours Sincerely

29/July/2014

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 and harm legitimate trade. Criminals are not bothered about who they sell to, whereas we try hard to ensure tobacco products are not sold to under 18's.

Removing branding would hinder my ability to premium price products as there would be no ~~visual~~ visual difference. Margins are already low on tobacco due to excessive taxation so more down trading would harm my margin even more.

The government claims to support independent retailers but all you do is impose pointless restrictions on one of my most important categories. Plain packaging will not have any effect on youngsters taking up smoking, but will harm independent retailers. We do not want it!!!

Yours sincerely

TOBACCO PACKS
CONSULTATION

DEPT. OF HEALTH
7TH FLOOR

NEWINGTON HOUSE
183-185 WATERLOO RD

LONDON

SE11 8US

31st July 2011

DEAR SIR,

TOBACCO PACKS CONSULTATION

I am writing a 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

- i) Serving times will be increased
- ii) Stock will be easier to counterfeit

(iii) Confusion between brands
(iv) If prices are all the same, my customers will only buy on price, reducing my profit margin if they buy cheaper.

v) This legislation is not based on any evidence!

Independent retailers are struggling at present and need your help/support, not more red tape.

Yours faithfully

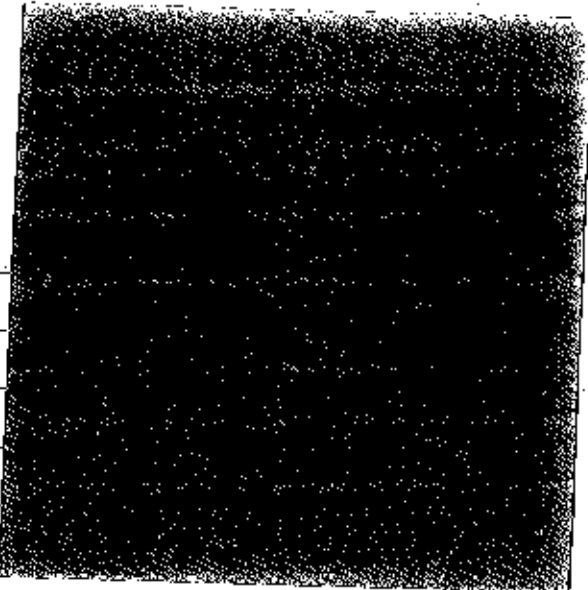




To Whom it may concern,

I object to plain packaging as
will increase counterfeit tobacco which
will decrease footfall and sales
mainly in the independent trade



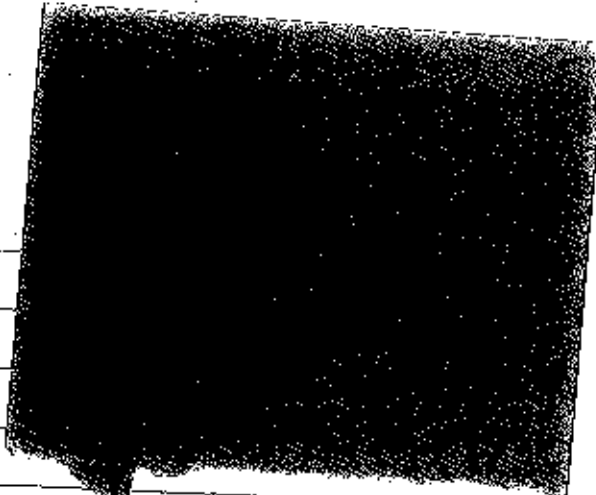


To whom it may concern,

I object to plain packaging, due to the likelihood of increased counterfeit sales that are likely then to take place; this will decrease footfall 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 underage smoking
but will in fact reduce my
shops footfall to an already
declining market

Yours





FORMAL RESPONSE TO PLAIN
PACKAGING CONSULTATION

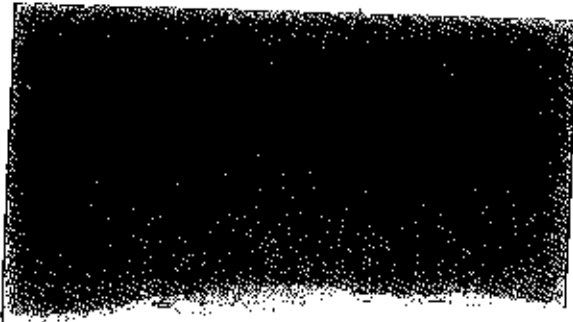
Dear Jeremy Hunt M.P.

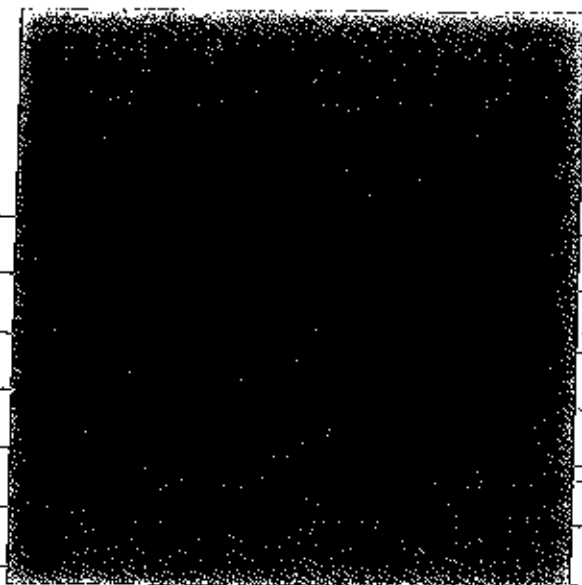
As a experienced shopkeeper of
25 years I don't believe that
making cigarette packs plain will
make any difference to sales to
under aged.

I never sell to any one I think
is ~~over~~ under 21!

Having plain packs will only

cause me more trouble, it will
take longer to serve customers
and cause quease. 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 FORMAL CONSULTATION RESPONSE

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

- 1 Plain Packaging will be counter productive as
it will encourage further sales of illegal cigarettes
- 2 I will be responsible for the cost of fitting stickers
approx £200 - £500.
- 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 packs 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





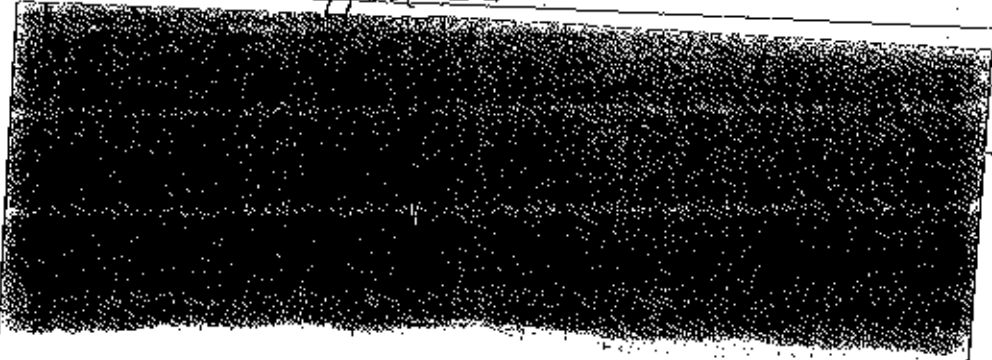
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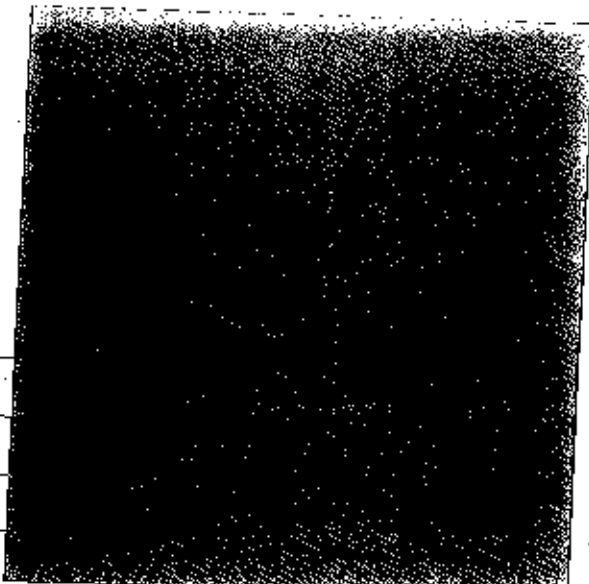
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

This is formal consultation
response to Plain Packaging

Plain packaging is yet another
burden on Retailer: display ban
hasn't come in to force yet
and you want to impose even
more restrictions. I could lose
foot fall and my margin may
reduce; not to mention it
would be easier for illegal
tobacco to take my sales away.

Thank you -



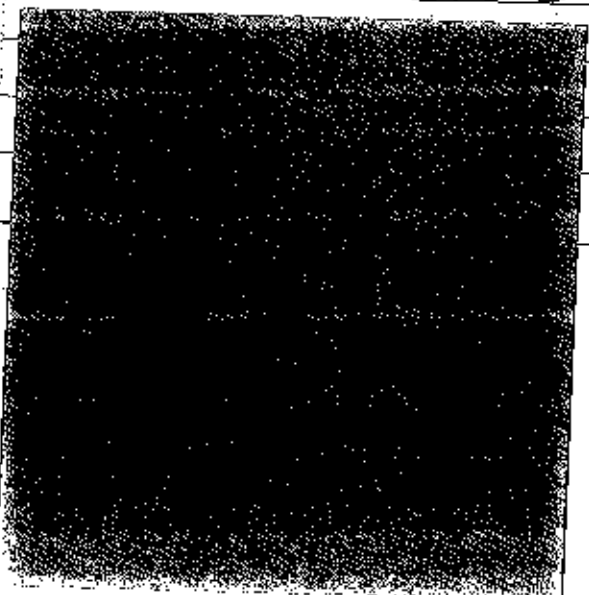



DEAR JEREMY HUNT MP

THIS IS A FORMAL CONSULTATION
RESPONSE TO PLAIN PACKAGING.
I OPPOSE THIS LEGISLATION
BECAUSE IT IS YET ANOTHER
PROBLEM FOR SMALL RETAILERS
I PAY TAX, EARN A WAGE
LEGALLY & TOBACCO IS A LEGAL
PRODUCT. I DON'T UNDERSTAND
WHAT BENEFIT IT WILL HAVE.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT PLAIN
PACKAGING IN PLACE.

YOURS SINCERELY





DEAR HONORABLE MONT MP

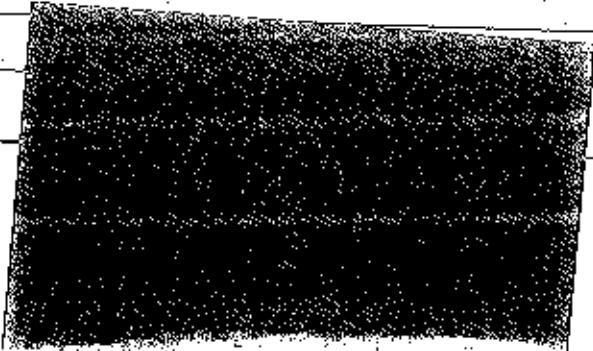
THIS IS A RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION ON
PLANNED REGULATIONS ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS LEGISLATION.

I DON'T BELIEVE IT WILL REDUCE YOUTH SMOKING
OR SMOKING IN GENERAL. IT WILL BE DIFFICULT
FOR ME TO SERVICE MY CUSTOMERS AND TAKE
ME MORE TIME WHICH COULD LEAD TO
LOSS OF CUSTOMERS AND THEREFORE PROFIT.

PLEASE DON'T PUT THIS LEGISLATION THROUGH,
LET'S SEE WHAT THE DISPLAY BAN WILL DO
FIRST

THANKS,






To whom it may concern.

I would like to register my objection
to the tobacco packs
consultation for two reasons:
To increase tobacco smoking in
the area and will also be upsetting
my customers because of the
increase time spent serving them.

Yours Sincerely



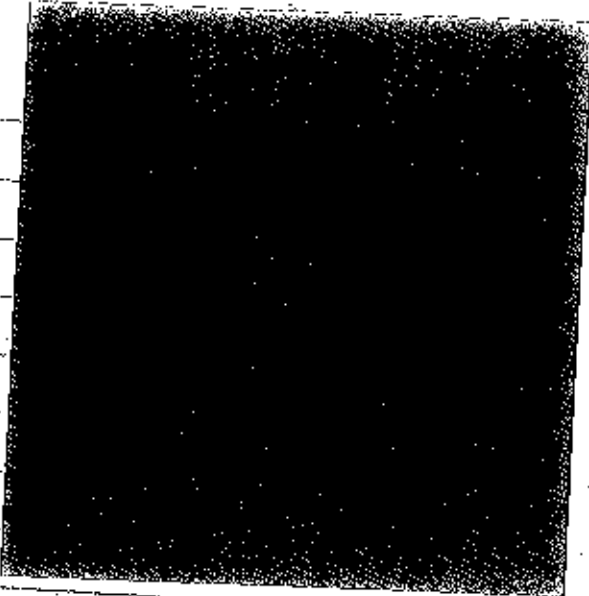


DEAR JEREMY HUNT MP

THIS IS A FORMAL CONSULTATION
RESPONSE TO PLAIN PACKAGING

I BELIEVE PLAIN PACKAGING IS AN
UNNECESSARY REGULATION, IT WILL
BE BURDON ON SMALL RATAILERS





Plain Packaging Consultation

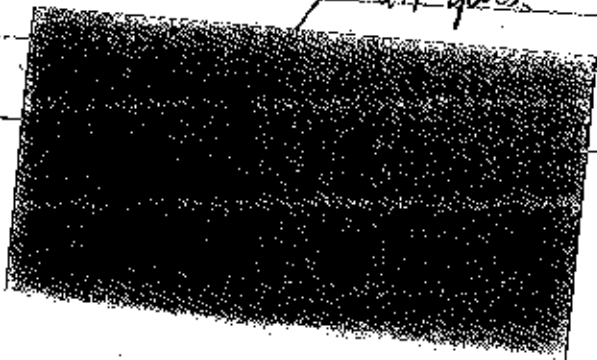
Dear Sirs,

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 scope 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 purchasers.

We feel that hidden displays would deter non-smokers from becoming smokers: plain packaging would not increase this discouragement, but would lead to pressure on retailers by criminals to carry their goods.

Yours faithfully,



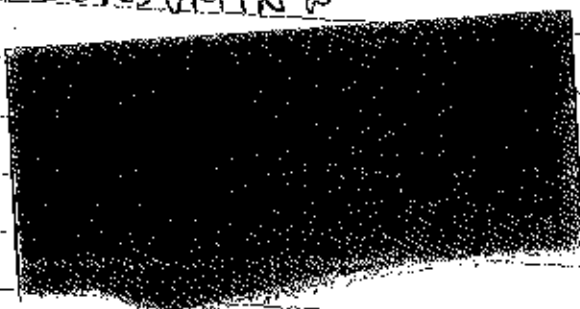
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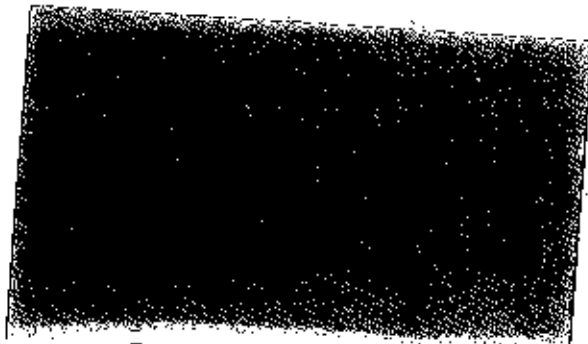
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IM AGAINST PLAIN PACKAGING
BECAUSE I THINK IT WOULD BE
WRONG TO ASSIST THE CHINESE
COUNTERFEIT CIGARETTE INDUSTRY.

IT WILL ALSO MAKE SELLING
CIGARETTES EXTREMELY TIME
CONSUMING





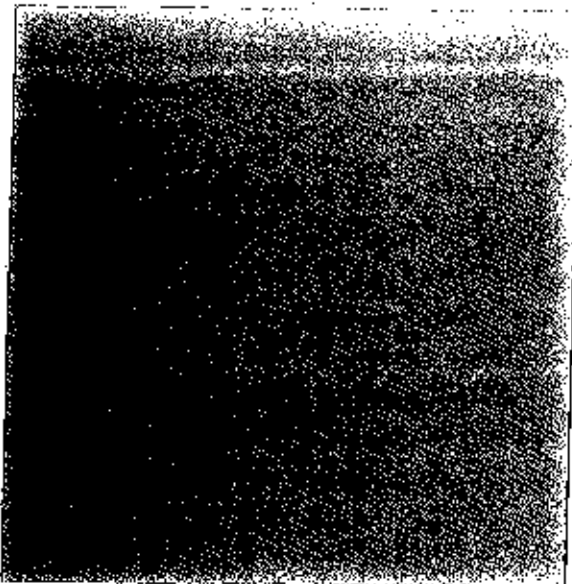
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Dear Jeremy Hunt, MP,

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. 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 Hunt MP

I am writing concerning the formal consultation response to the proposal of introducing the plain packaging to tobacco products. As being in the retail trade for the last 7 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 businesses having to retrain their staff in the sale of cigarettes through experience. A lot of business comes from men on their way to work and when they state the brand they would like to purchase 90% of our staff know the brand through the package design, workmen do not have time to stand while staff try to work out which packet they are

meant to hand over which will result in
loss of business. The cost of retraining
will be a blight on resources. I also
think that the illegal sale of cigarette
will go sky 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 as sales will go down which
could possibly lead to more unemployment.
While retailers keep an eye on underage
smokers 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 no
way going to dislodge people from
smoking as it is a choice people
make, and as Australia have
already proved this scheme was

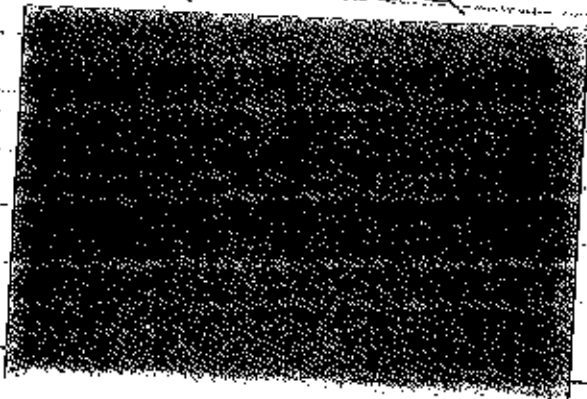
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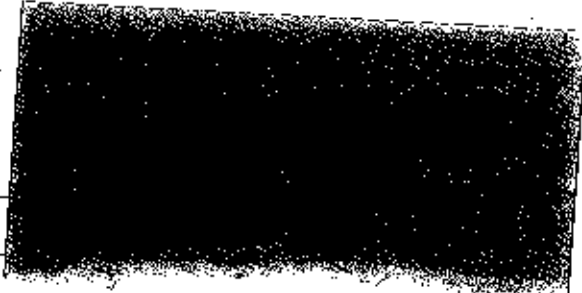
As a worker in this industry, I would ask you to reconsider this scheme, as my colleagues and I can not come up with any advantages to this.

If people choose to smoke that matter what size the package is not going to deter them. All we can see ahead

is the loss of business and unemployment. This scheme is only going to cause more confusion on top of all the red tape retailers already have to go through to sell these products.

Yours sincerely

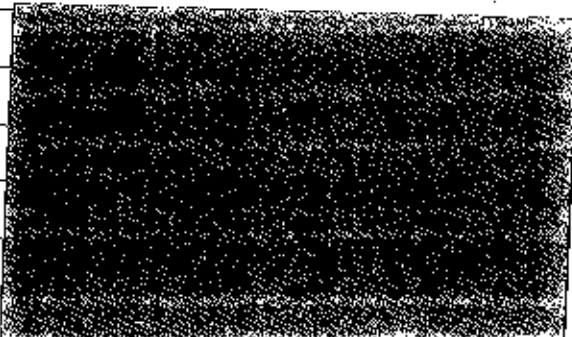




To whom it may concern

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

Yours



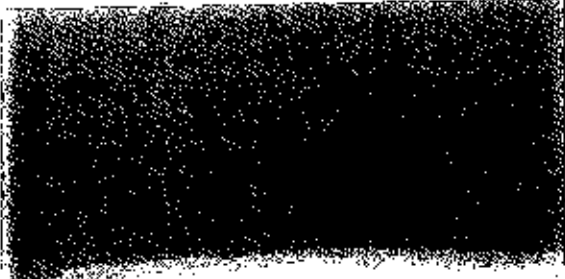
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FAO Jeremy Hunt
: Retailers Formal Consultation Response



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.

Example 2

~~2~~ In a statement 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 Pound 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 under ground will remove the Government's 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

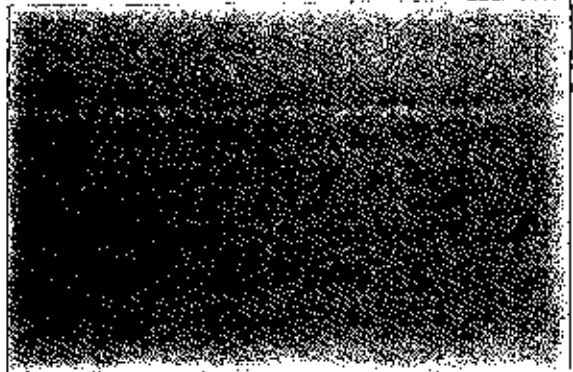
By all means introduce Plain Packs as it will reduce the costs to the criminals but don't say in 10 years the Country has been over run by crime and the Tax revenues cannot afford to police our ports to stop these Products coming in as the NHS has become over run with People poisoned from years of smoking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



Date: 31 July 2014



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 tax payer'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 realise 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.

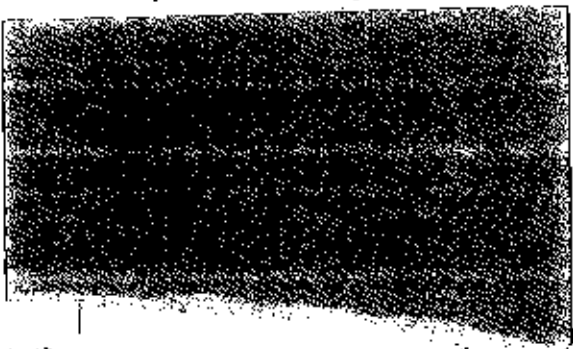
All your policies will do is make our job harder, the job of my staff harder to identify which pack of cigarette is which. Most importantly you are making it substantially easier for fraudsters to produce and distribute illegal stock.

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 CONSULTATION
DEPT. OF HEALTH
9TH 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 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.

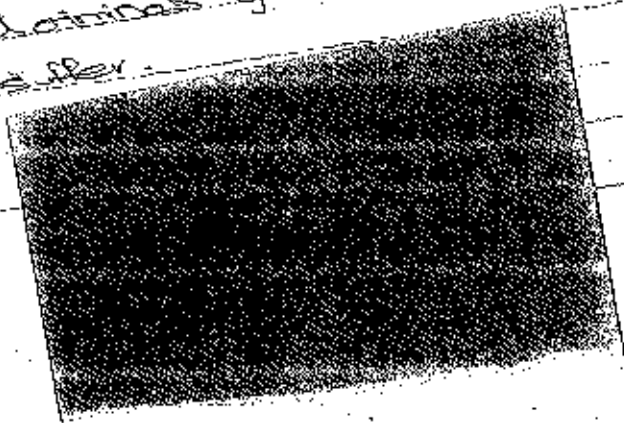
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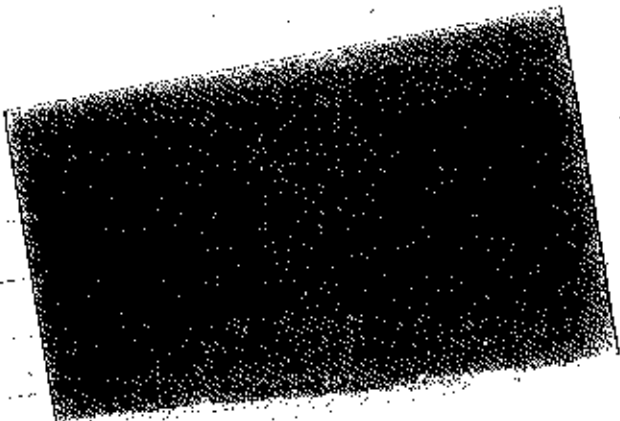
Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

I am a retailer who owns a business
in cockeroun we sell alot 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 us 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 could make
a difference to them but it will for my
business, football etc.

I know in my case counterfeit will
go through the roof if these regulations
come in and criminals yet again will
win while I suffer.



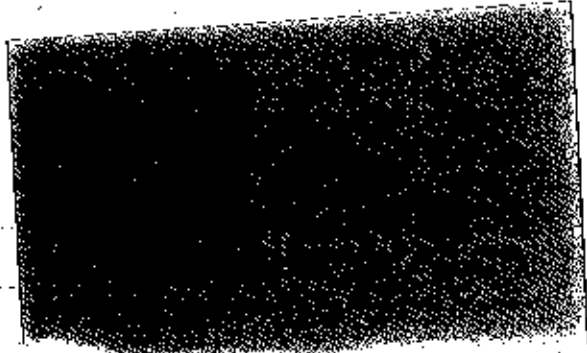


Dear Jeremy Hunt

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Yours Sincerely



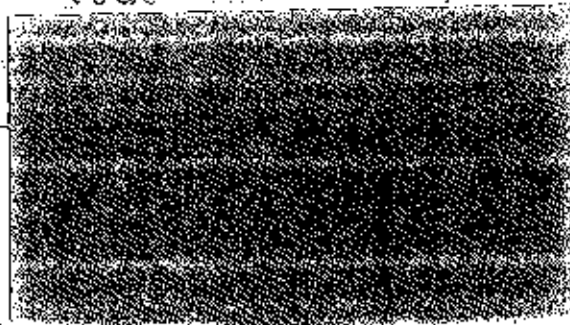


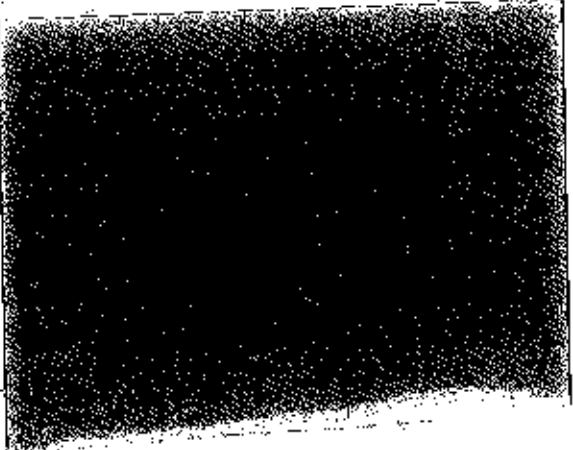
DEAR JEREMY HUNT,

THIS IS A FORMAL RESPONSE TO THE
CONSULTATION REGARDING PLAIN
PACKAGING.

PLAIN PACKAGING WILL AFFECT MY
BUSINESS BECAUSE THERE WILL BE AN
INCREASE IN ILLEGAL TRADE.
WAITING TIMES IN THE SHOP WILL
INCREASE DUE TO TAKING LONGER TO
LOCATE CERTAIN BRANDS.

Yours sincerely,

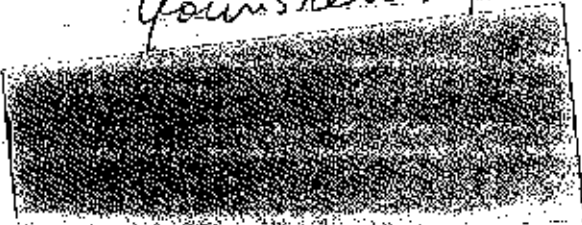


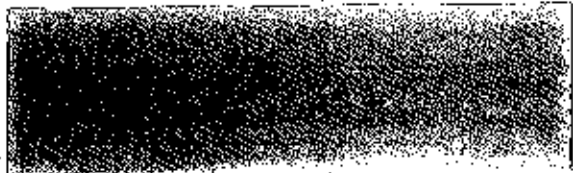


Dear Jeremy Hunt

This is a formal response to the consultation regarding plain packaging. Plain packaging will affect my business as there will be an increase in illicit trade. Waiting times in the shops will increase due to taking longer to locate certain brands.

Yours sincerely,



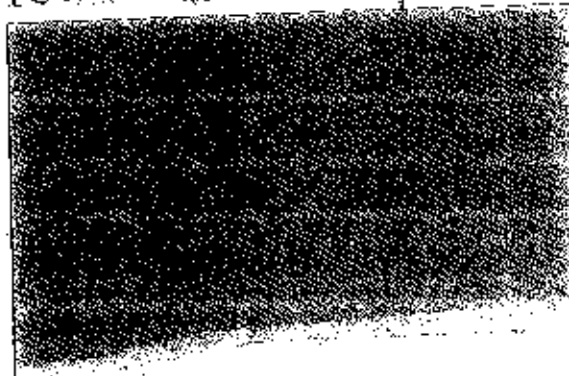



DEAR JEREMY HUNT,

THIS IS A FORMAL RESPONSE TO
THE CONSULTATION ON PLANNING
PACKAGING.

THIS WILL INCREASE ILLEGAL TRADE
+ PEOPLE WILL DOWN GRADE OUR
TO PRICE THEREFORE REDUCING
PROFIT MARGINS.

YOURS SINCERELY





29/7/2014

Dear Mr. Jeremy Hunt MP

I am writing you

regarding this plain packaging. I

strongly oppose it because it will

not be good for my business.

The shops are struggling as it is

with plain packaging in force and

reduce the customers in the shop.

I will also attract the illegal

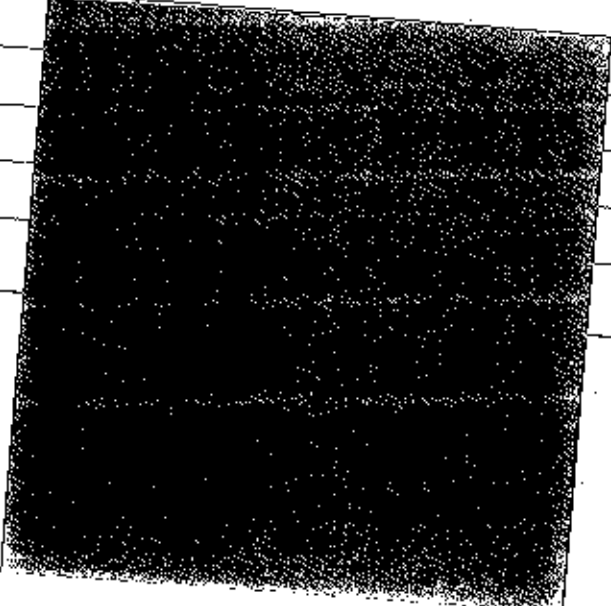
tabacco sales. It will be grateful


if you and government can

rethink on enforcing the law

plain packaging.

Thanks






THIS IS A FORMAL RESPONSE TO PLAIN PACKAGING

Dear Jeremy Hunt MP.

I think it will not work out plain 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 Hunt MP

This is a formal consultation
response to Plan Picking.

We Don't want Plan Picking
in UK

I believe it will affect
my foot fall, my time and
the illicit trade



Dept of Health
Sturrock Park Consultation
PO Box 1126
Canterbury.
CT1 7NB

Date: - 28-7-2014

Re: - Plain Packaging Consultation

- ① Waste Retailers times when selling Eggs
- ② Counter fronts / Smuggling / Black market /
- ③ Should be moving forward not backwords.
- ④ People have rights and its their choice to smoke

Dept of Health
Standardized Kid Care,
PO Box 1126
Canton, TN
37017

Date: 2/21/14

Dear Sir,

I think the plan facts
will have a bad effect on
my business, because it will
increase smuggling and copying
of facts - I may have to get
rid of my staff if I can't afford
to pay them.

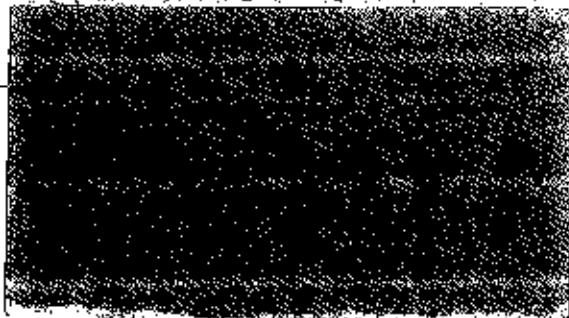
Please think again about this
proposal as many businesses will
close down.


Tobacco Retail Consultations
Department of Health
7th Floor
Wellington House
133 - 135
London
SE1 8UG



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 promote more customers to buy it and make it easier to sell illegal tobacco.





Believe - Plain Packaging Consultation.

Dear Sir Madam,

I have owned a shop for many years and I cannot remember a time when things were so difficult. However the government is, it seems, determined to make things more difficult, for no apparent reason!

Putting tobacco products in plain packs will only make selling the product more difficult. Not because people are giving up but because nobody will know which pack is which.

The Black Market will be more than happy to take advantage of the situation.

Good News for the Government because legal sales will go down! what a success for

Tobacco Retail consultations

Department of health

7th Floor

Wellington house

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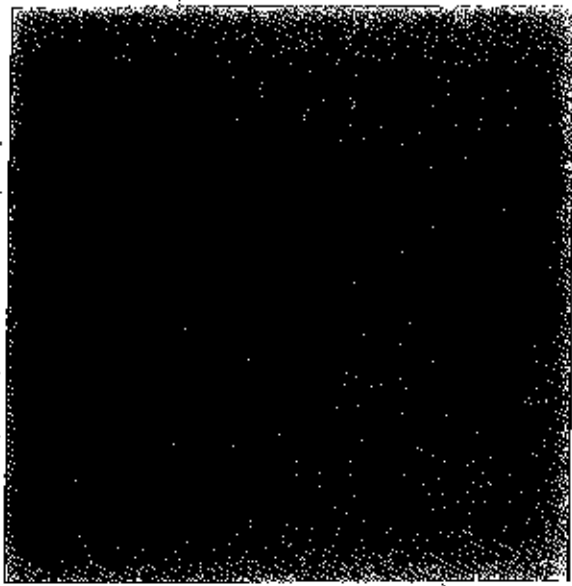
London

SE1 809

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to respond to the consultation
I own a service station (petrol station) in
Dewsbury and also ~~so~~ 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.

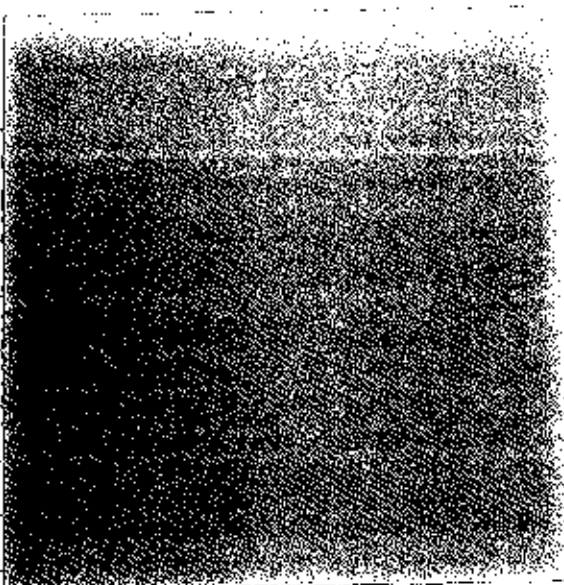
Tobacco Retail Commission
Department of Health
7th Floor
Leadenhall Street
135-137, London EC3A 3LD
London
SE1 8UP



Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to respond to the Commission.
I am a former smoker in California and
I am tobacco in my state. My state is
currently without laws by prohibition
and because the state has not
any laws what in my opinion provide
no benefit to protection smokers
or prevent by means. It was however
in my opinion that the state has
consequently that whether it seems to
be true and necessary to
Yours sincerely






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 every day so doing these various things such as plain packaging and banning small packs of tobacco would hurt us even more. People are ~~struggling~~ struggling with money already so reducing the

small size packs 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 retailers such as me.
There is still time to act before it
drives another nail in our business
coffin

Your


Concerned Retailer

Tobacco Plain 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 product in plain packaging

This along with the covering of cigarettes

in April will have a massive effect on the

running and profitability of our shop making

each transaction slower and more costly and

playing into the hands of the illicit traders

who already cover the market 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 retailer, I am totally against

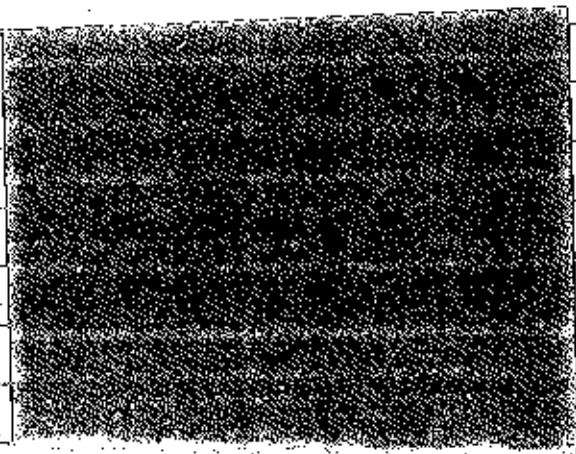
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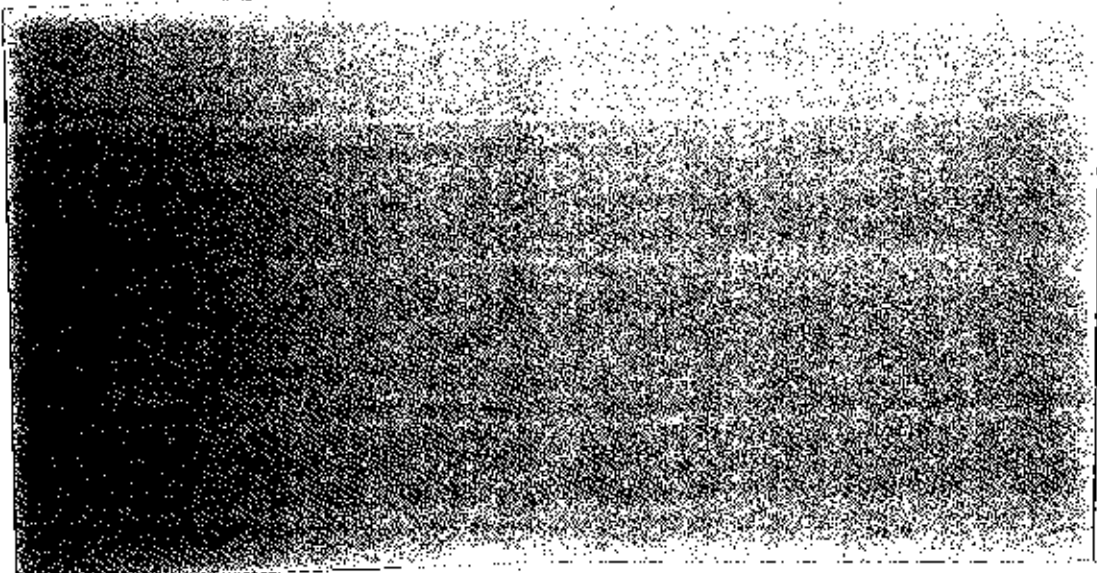
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Re Plain Packaging Consultation

One major way that this will impact on us will 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 a more time delay and disgruntled customers.

We strongly oppose this proposal because of the problem this will pose.





The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt Esquire, MP
Department of Health Standardised Packaging Consultation
PO Box 1126
CANTERBURY
Kent, CT1 9NB

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, deterred 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.
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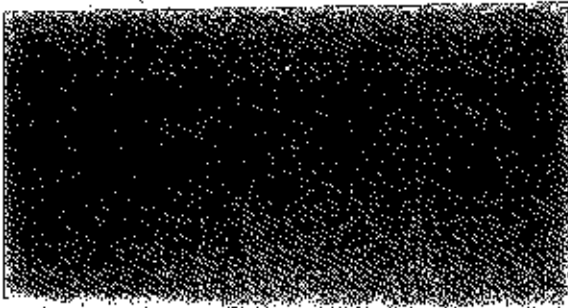
The foregoing are my main objections to the proposals. There are many other factors that would affect me as a retailer, such as the burden and cost of training staff to deal with all the red tape, and the possible loss of footfall. I could accept these as necessary side effects of standardised packaging 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

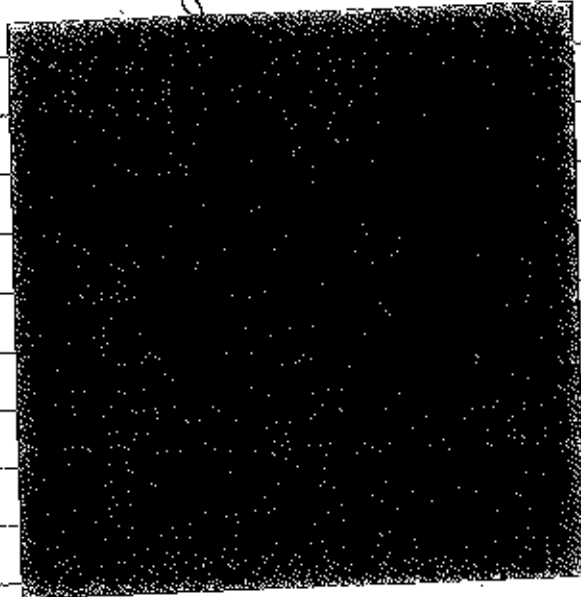
This is a formal consultation response
I am currently the owner of a busy
convenience store in Liverpool which
my family have for over 10 years.
Cigarettes and tobacco accounts for
over 10,000 pounds per week of our
sales.

To introduce plain packaging would
have a major impact on our overall
turn over. As the cigarettes will be
behind the door 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 to
become 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



30/07/14

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 proposal 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 tobacconist 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 with out 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?

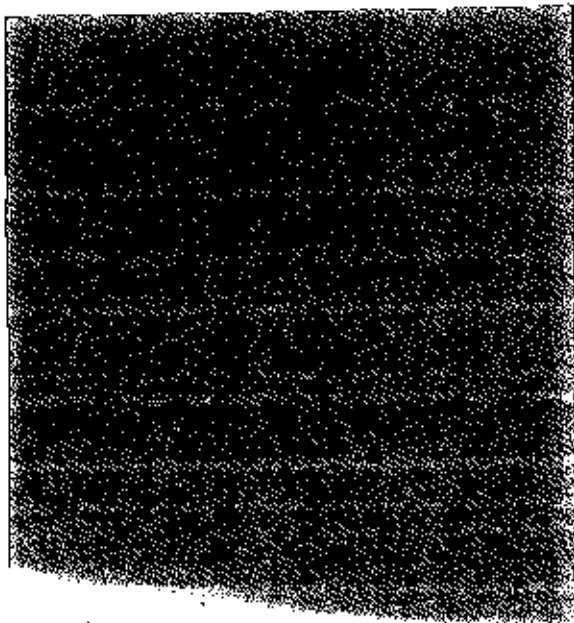
Stop duty free and counterfeit being sold?

Increase customs officers with bigger fines ?

Id scheme keep up?

Help small traders no red tape?

Yours sincerely



30/07/14

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 65% 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% (IGD 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:

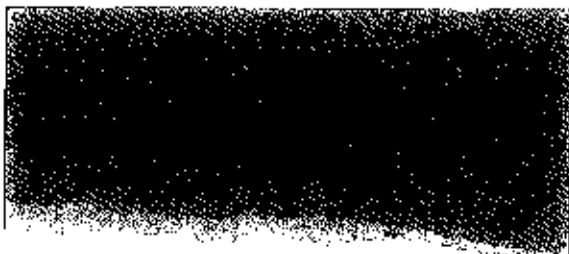
- Removing brands will make products easier to counterfeit and undermine a retailer's legitimate trade. The illegal trade in tobacco is already a problem in the UK, by introducing plain packaging the Government is making it easier for criminals to operate.
- Early evidence from Australian retail groups 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.

30/07/14

- 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 customer, 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 unison 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,

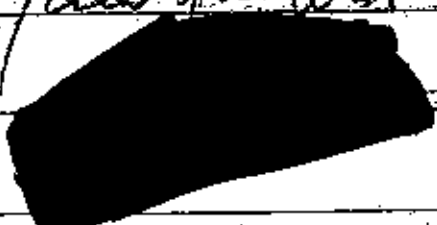


28-7-14

Re plane for consultation.

In light of the consultation on
plane for I write to you to
express my concerns. I am a
Responsible member who feels this
will only make my job harder
and for Council to counteract
and to choose a legal and extra-
ordinary procedure.

I am against any such
change and look forward to your
response.

Yours faithfully


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 TO
UNDERAGE OR CONTRABAND CIGARETTES, IN
FACT I THINK IT WILL MAKE IT EASIER
FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CIGARETTES.

IT WILL AFFECT MY FOOTFALL AND
LOSS OF SALES.

Yours

3/17/14

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Dear Jeremy Hunt MP;

~~Re. Small Business Package~~ ~~Construction~~

an extremely angry that the government
proposes to further cripple the retail
trade & fuel the illicit trade with
goods that are much easier to replicate.
We work very hard, long hours & rely
on the tobacco trade to drive
good will, 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 ARE BECOMING
FURTHER AND FURTHER REMOVED FROM
REALITY, REGARDING RULES AND
REGULATIONS FOR TOBACCO DISPLAY
AND PLAIN PACKAGING. MY STAFF ARE
PUZZLED BY RULES THAT WILL COVER
UP A LEGAL PRODUCT WHICH NOW WILL
MAYBE ALL APPEAR SIMILAR AND
DIFFICULT FOR CUSTOMER TO KNOW
WHAT THEIR FAVORITE 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.

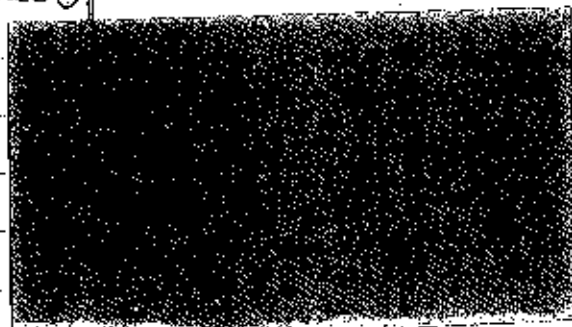
~~NEVER~~ I AM AGAINST THE TOBACCO
PACKS PROPOSAL FOR PLAIN PACKS

Yours Sincerely



Plain Packaging CONSULTATIONS

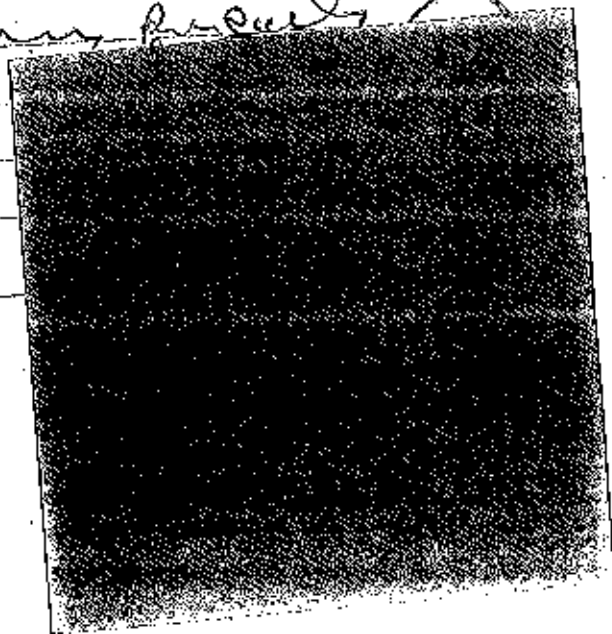
Response



Dear Sirs,

Do you seriously believe
that plain packaging is the answer
or even part of it? THE AUSTRALIAN
TRUST TRIAL seems to be useless. I'm
sure the counterfeiters and FAKERS will
be making their huge profits because
you are thinking of reducing their costs!
Small independent, have a men enough
Jobs Now without Fools Messing BEING
Heaps on them

Yours sincerely,



Pitman Packaging's Response

Disagree, as I've given freedom
to bootleggers - smugglers.
This would be more harmful to health.

Also,

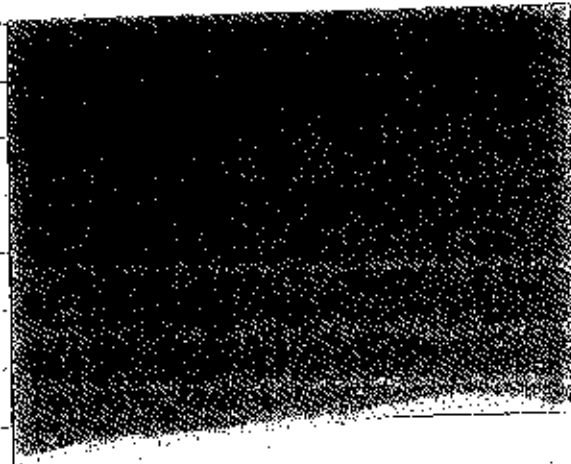
it would create high currency levels
for you as a retailer.

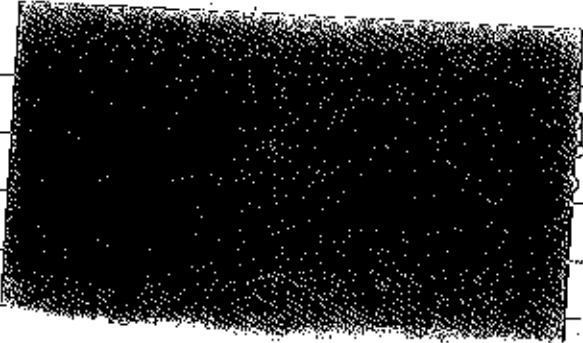
How much tax revenue will the
government take??

PLAIN PACKAGING CONSULTATION
RESPONSE



WE ARE AGAINST PLAIN PACKAGING
AS THEY ARE EASY TO COUNTERFIT,
AND WE GOING TO TAKE LONGER TO
SERVE THE CUSTOMER AND WILL NOT
MAKE A LOT OF DIFFERENCE TO THE
SMOKER






DEAR JEREMY HUNT MP

THIS IS A RESPONSE TO PLAIN
PACKAGING.

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

PLEASE CONSIDER MY POINT OF
VIEW.

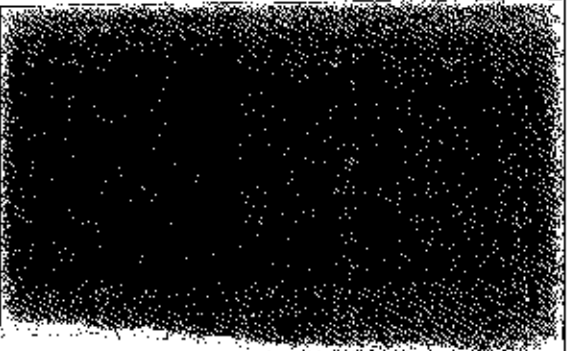


~~Dear~~
Mr Jeremy Hunt

Room 7 FLOOR WILLANSTON

House, 133 WATERLOO

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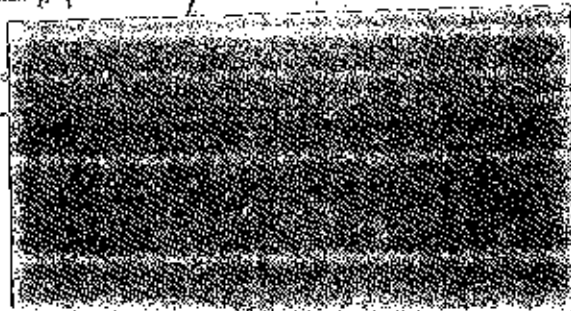
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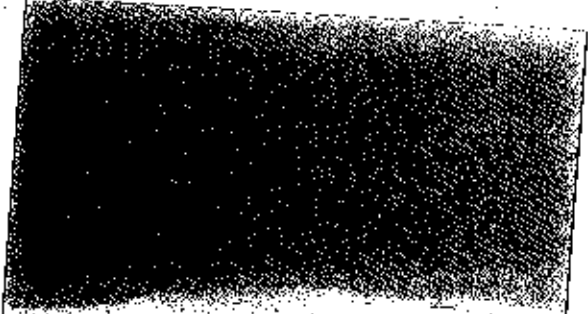
I AM WRITING IN REPLY TO YOUR
PROPOSED LAW REGARDING PLAIN CIGARETTE
PACKETS.

IT CONCERNS ME THAT THIS WILL CREATE
MORE SMOKING GOOD IN THE AREA
AS PLAIN PACKETS ARE EASIER TO COPY
AND IT ALSO CREATES CONFUSION FOR
STAFF AND CUSTOMERS ALIKE.

AS MY COUNTRY WILL BE COVERED
NEXT YEAR WHAT IS THE POINT IN
PLAIN PACKETS?

YOURS FAITHFULLY

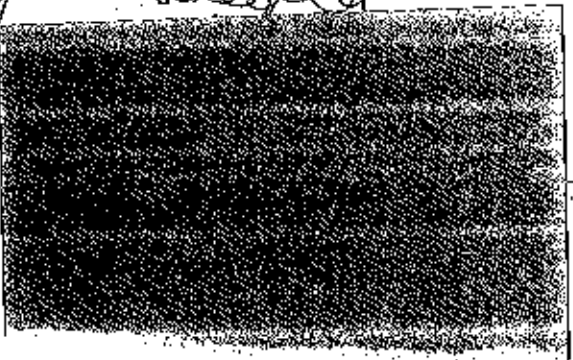




28/7/14

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

Yours sincerely



Dear Jeremy Hunt MP

(this is a formal consultation
response)

Plain packaging is going to be another
burden on myself as a small retailer.

I own a business in a town which is
very much a part of the community. I feel
I am getting no support from the
government and this will be a further
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 football will decrease
if this comes in and that will affect my
overall business. Cantel will go through
the roof and undermine my legitimate trade.

[REDACTED]

To whom it may concern;


I own two 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.

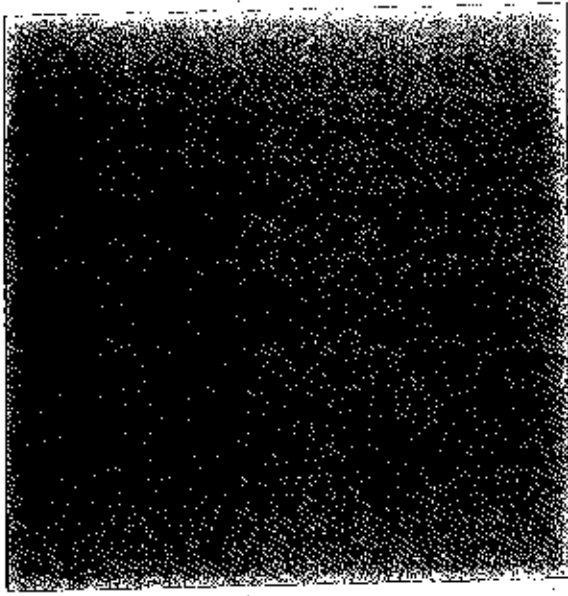
Regards

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DEAR, J. HUNT MP,

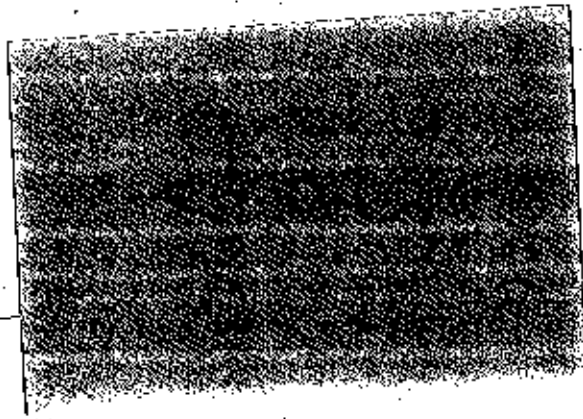
I AM AGAINST THE
IDEA OF HAVING TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN
PLAIN PACKAGING, AS I THINK THIS WILL
ONLY LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN ILLEGAL
SALES AND COUNTERFEIT TRADE, NOT
HELP LAW ABIDING SHOP KEEPERS AND
WILL NOT STOP CHILDREN TAKING UP THE
HABIT. THIS IS MY FORMAL CONSULTATION
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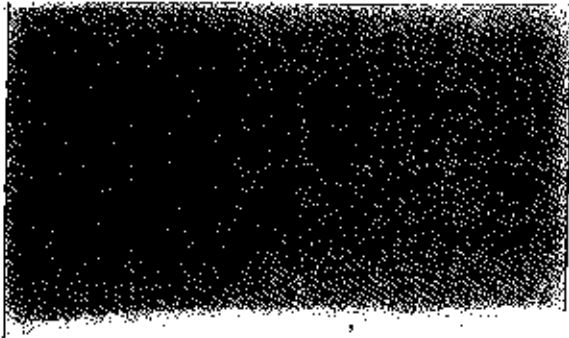




Dear Sir,

I would like to Register my
complaint against the Tobacco
Packs Consultation for two
Reasons 1, It will Increase the
amount of counterfeit Tobacco
available on the streets. 2)
There will be ~~to~~ unknown whets
Inside the Pack.

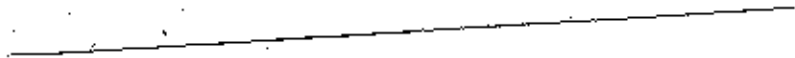
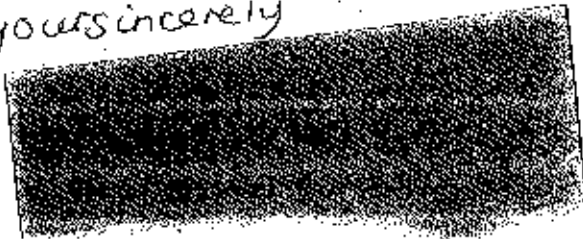




Dear Sir

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





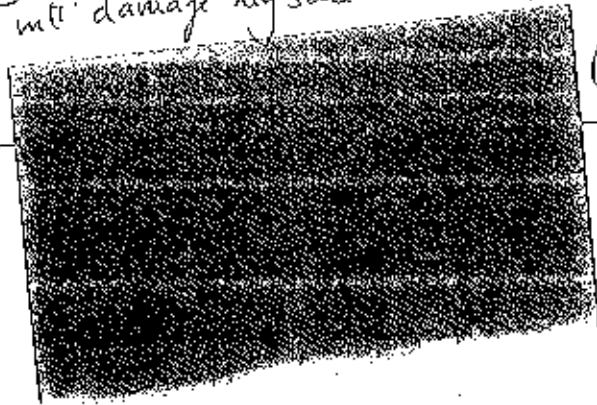
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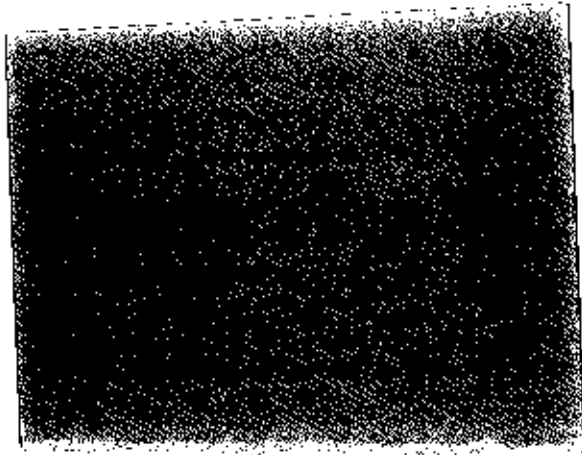
I am an independent  retailer.

I would like to object to the Tobacco Packer Consultation
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 length of time it will take staff to find a particular pack amongst hundreds of identical packs will increase the amount of shoplifting as staff attention will be off customers.
- I do not believe the evidence warrants this change in policy.
It will damage my sales.



(Direct)



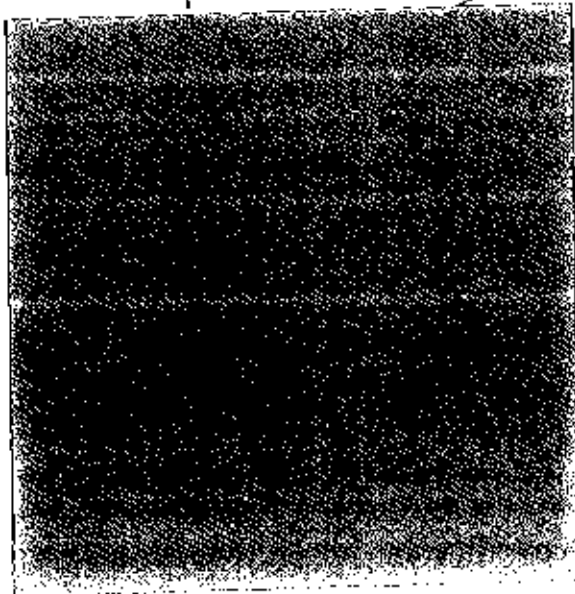
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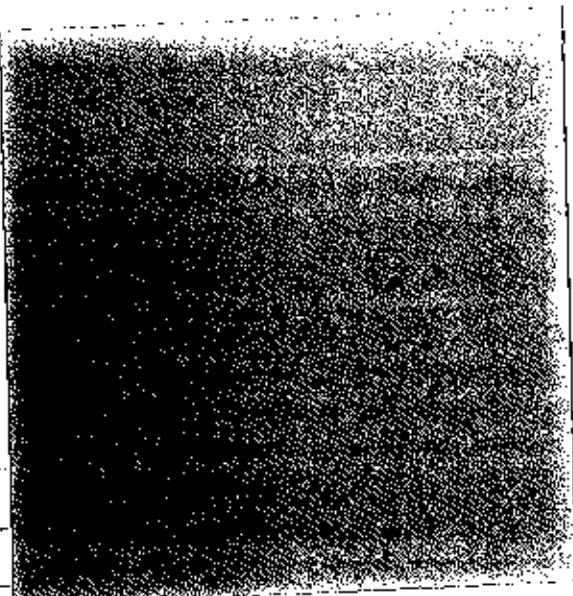
→ when it may occur
I find the main problem is out of order
as the counterfeits will go to work as
more people get hurt as the result of
such products.

Clearly the counterfeit will take over
if the industry then will have to find
ways to fight this war

Maybe I would like to say as to the
between Park's counterfeits

from mainly





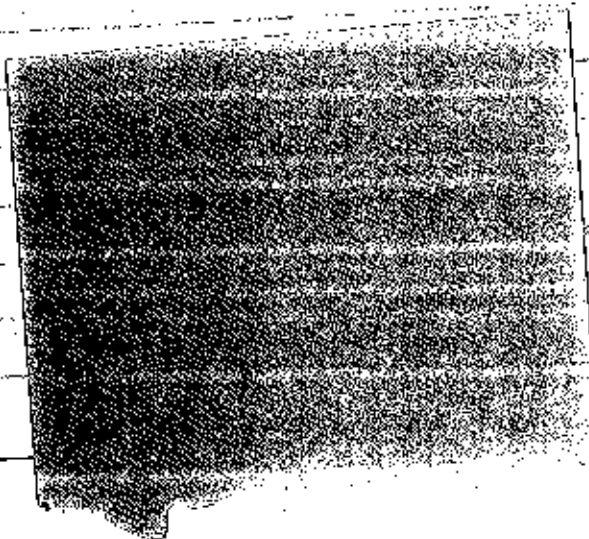
Plain Packaging Controversy

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

Why is it needed when my
unit will soon be covered up?

I don't believe colored packs
encourage smoking, people look at
price or packs rather than
the color of the pack.

I trust my comments will be noted.



Dept of Health
PO Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NS.

Dear Sir / Madam

REF: Plain Packaging
Consultation.

Plain packaging of cigarettes
& 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
therefore lose business.

Tobacco is a large part of

my trade.

Plain packaging will take
longer to identify the brands I
will ~~not~~ increase my selling
times.

I think this idea should be
scrapped immediately.

29 04 2014

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

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 at this moment in time. Trying to run a business is now harder than it ever has been before, what with the extreme competition, I, along with many other retailers are facing:

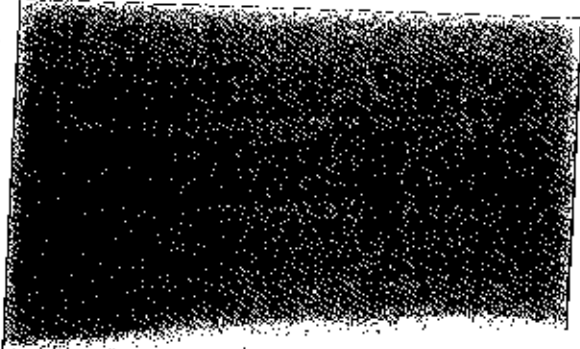
The cost this is justly going to impose is going to harm my business. Making sure my staff are trained and fully aware of legislation is going to slow down my business.

If you realise, the more you go against ~~business~~ small businesses, like my own, the harder you are making the economy's 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.

[REDACTED]



Dept of health Standardised
Packaging consultation
PO Box 1122
CANTERBURY
CT1 9NB

Dear Jeremy Hunt

As an independent Newsagent of 35 Years
I am totally against the proposal as my
staff would be put under greater stress
due to the inability to identify the
customers brand of choice
Also this would further fuel illicit
tobacco sales and the Government would
lose even more Revenue.

Yours

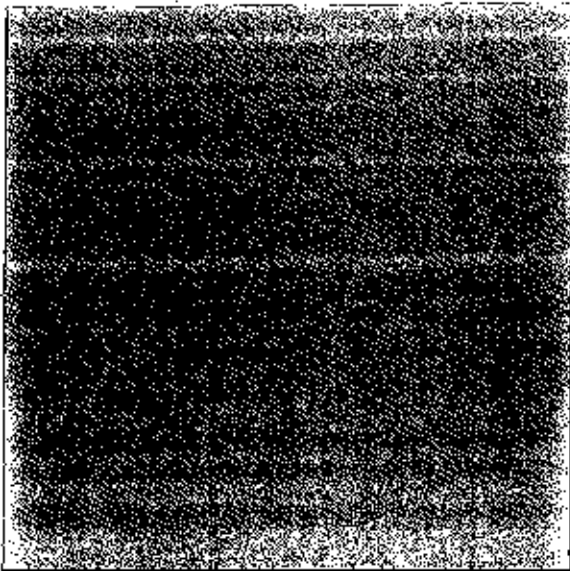


Dept of health Standardised
Packaging Consultation
P.O. Box 1122
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

Dear Jeremy Hunt

I am totally opposed to the above due to
deaths going on for the cost and staff will
be contacted when customers not for their
normal needs

also that tobacco sales are very high
in the Lutonborough area and my sales
and profit are already down by 27%
in 2 years.



Dept of Health
Standardised Packaging Consultation
PO Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9NB

Date 24-7-14

Re: Main Packaging Consultation

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

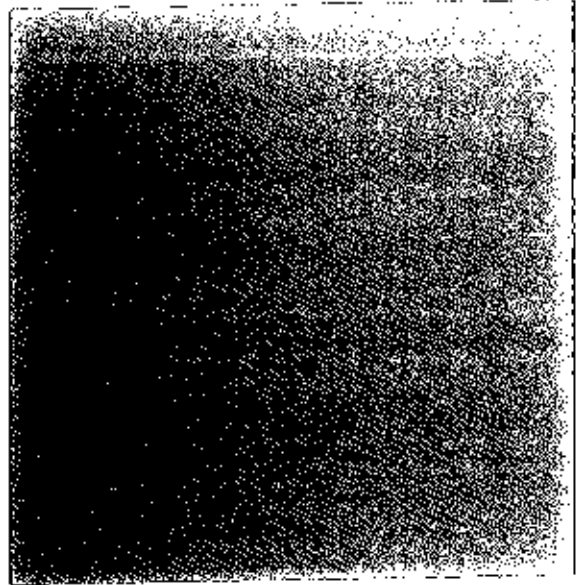
New brands will be harder to promote as no packaging or POS material will be available.

Counterfeit of goods will be easier by criminals due to the removal of the design requirements and also make it harder for Customs 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

Department of Health
Standardised Packaging
Consultation
Po Box 1126
Canterbury
CT1 9TB



RE:- Plain Packaging Consultation.

Dear Sir/Madam,

As the Department of Health I am sure you are aware of the substances contained in illegal cigarettes. Plain Packaging will fuel illicit trade fundamentally.

Loss of trade & footfall will be inevitable - my wife and I work around 10-12 hrs a day and this proposed legislation will certainly be the final straw!!!

Please do not go ahead with this proposal.

Yours faithfully



Dept of Health
Standardized Pricing
Consultation
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Cortney
CT 9NB



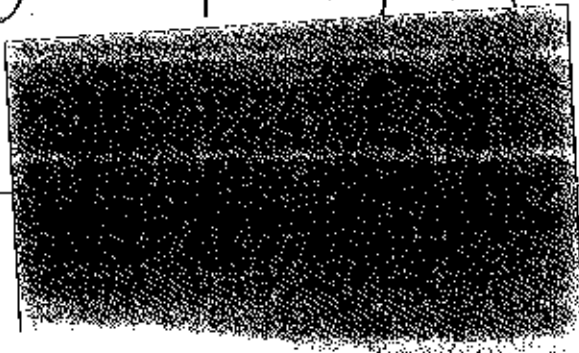
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RE:- Plain Packaging Consultation

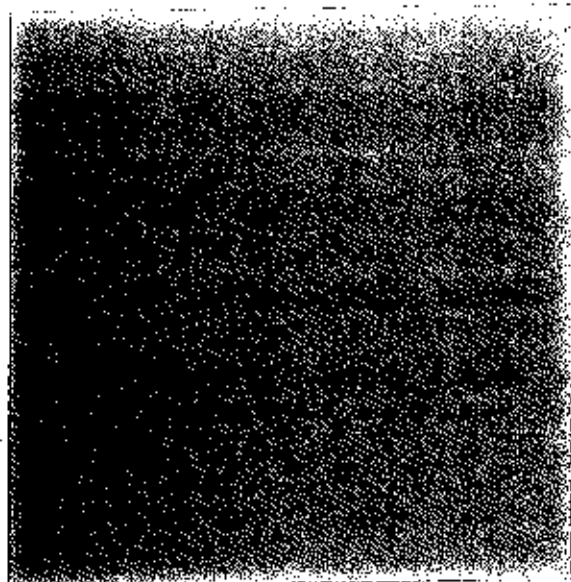
Dear Sir/ma'am,
Plain Packaging will seriously hinder
our day to day running of our shop.
We are an Elderly Couple with poor
eye sight, distinguishing plain packaging
will be very difficult. We are
also concerned that there will
be an increase in illegal sales
of tobacco.

Please re consider this stupid
proposal.

Yours faithfully



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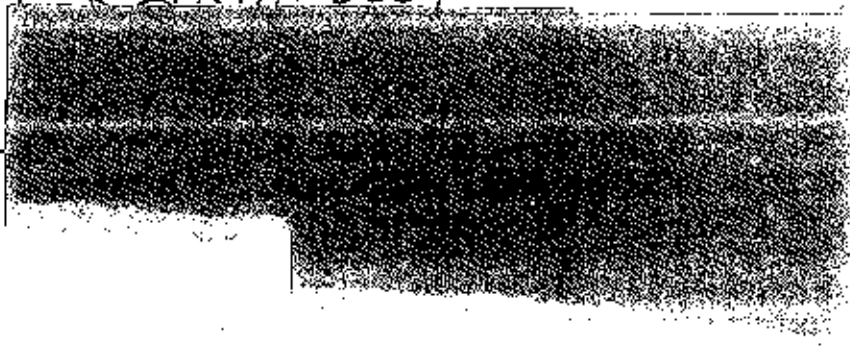


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Dear Sir/Madam,

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 stop buying premium brands and instead purchase cheaper brands because the packs will look the same. We already have a large amount of Red Tape, please consider our plea to drop this plain packaging.

Yours FAITHFULLY



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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 packing will further increase
- 2) Damage to my profitability as smokers will down grade their purchases
- 3) Identifying brands will ultimately take longer and cause mistakes.

Yours Faithfully

[REDACTED]

1st August 2014.

[REDACTED]

Dear Terry Hunt M.P.

My name is Gary Jones and along with my wife Louise and my three children Michael, Shaheen and Susan own and run Liquors group along with thirty two staff. Over the last twenty three years that I have been involved in the retail business I have never encountered the downturn in business that has been taking place over the last few years.

A large and very important part of our business is the sale of cigarettes and tobacco which accounts for almost 40% of our sales. The football fans our regular customers buying these cigarettes or tobacco often buy in their shops the whole store and buying many other fresh, frozen and animal products etc.

I am sure you are aware of the devastation of the high street and independent throughout the whole of the UK and I believe that the plan to introduce plain packaging on all tobacco products in the near future will add further pressure to the retail network as a whole.

I truly believe that this could be the final death nail for a high amount of small to medium size retailers and in turn will

encourage a high percentage of the buying public to purchase their tobacco products from the illegal sources throughout the country. This is already a large problem in our local area and I am sure will become even worse if plain packaging is introduced.

The black on effect of this I believe will encourage illegal gangs to partake ever more in state contraband or fake tobacco products to the detriment of retailers throughout the UK, resulting in the loss of large amounts of taxes for government and the almost total absence of counter stores in towns and cities which will bring the high street ever more.

I would therefore please, please, please ask that both yourself and the government reconsider the future of my family business by not introducing plain packaging on tobacco products in the near future.

Yours faithfully

