

MPs reject bid to reintroduce smoking in pubs



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The Commons has voted to reject a bid by MP David Nuttall to exempt pubs and private members' clubs from the smokefree legislation.

Under his 10 minute rule bill, landlords and licensees would have been allowed to have dedicated smoking lounges for drinkers on their premises, complete with smoke filters.

The motion to introduce the Public Houses and Private Members' Clubs (Smoking) Bill was defeated by 141 votes to 86, a majority against of 55.

Read the full transcript of the debate, (in particular Kevin Barron's speech quoting opposition to the Bill by a pub landlord from David Nuttall's own blog) in Hansard [here](#).