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Subject: Re: smoking ban in uk...

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Right, but a health code to enforce good ventilation if they want to smoke would meet them half-way, and improve people's health slightly. Health is where I draw the line on business's rights. A restaurant and pub should have clean dishes, unsoiled food and drink, and a healthy atmosphere.

The book "The Jungle" comes to mind if you give businesses too many rights without proper regulations. Although it was beef in that book and it's smoking here, people had the right not to eat beef then, but since all butchering plants were unsanitary, the choice was that you ate soiled beef or you weren't able to eat beef at all. I'm not an avid pub-goer, but from what I've seen, all pubs and bars allow smoking if they are able to. That kind of limits the choices for non-smokers to either go deal with the unhealthy atmosphere, or don't go to a bar at all.

Meeting a business half-way is the most fair way I can think about handling the situation.

Personally, I worked in a restaurant for 2 years. The smoke was unbearable at times. Granted, I chose to work there, but better ventilation would have at least helped the situation.

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