

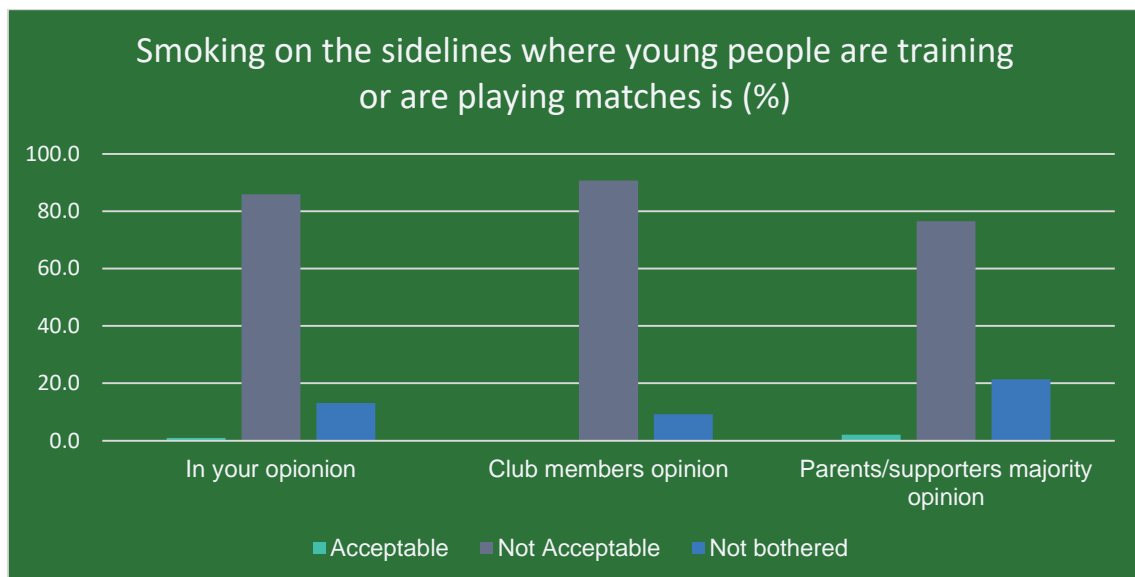
## Smokefree Sidelines Oxfordshire Baseline survey results

A baseline survey was sent to all clubs to answer between 5<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020. There were 102 responses from 54 youth football clubs

### Summary of responses

- 86% thought smoking on the sidelines where young people are training or playing is not acceptable.
- 85% find smoking impacts negatively on their enjoyment/experience of watching the game.
- Parents/supporters are more likely to be seen smoking on the sidelines compared to club representatives.
- 25% of survey responders have seen smoking on the sidelines at least once in the past 12 months.
- 91% think that a smokefree environment is more pleasant than one with smoking
- 98% think that smoking reduces match fitness
- 79% think that adults smoking around children increases the chances of children smoking
- 92% think that any second hand smoke is a danger to health
- 46% think that not everyone has an equal chance to smoke, or not.
- 51% think that e-cigarettes are as bad as smoking.
- 60% would be confident to ask someone to stop smoking on the sideline, if they wanted to.
- Verbal abuse and no rules/policy or signage to back them up would be the top three reasons for not asking people to stop smoking on the sidelines.

### Results



Believe there should be dedicated area away from the sidelines where smokers can go.

If the parent is far enough away from players and other spectators then I feel it is acceptable

It is a free world and providing it is legally allowed and done outside then OK.

It is intrusive to those taking throw ins and blowing smoke used to intimidate players and officials

majority of all involved agree to not smoking on sidelines

Not on sidelines but move away from pitch is ok if in field

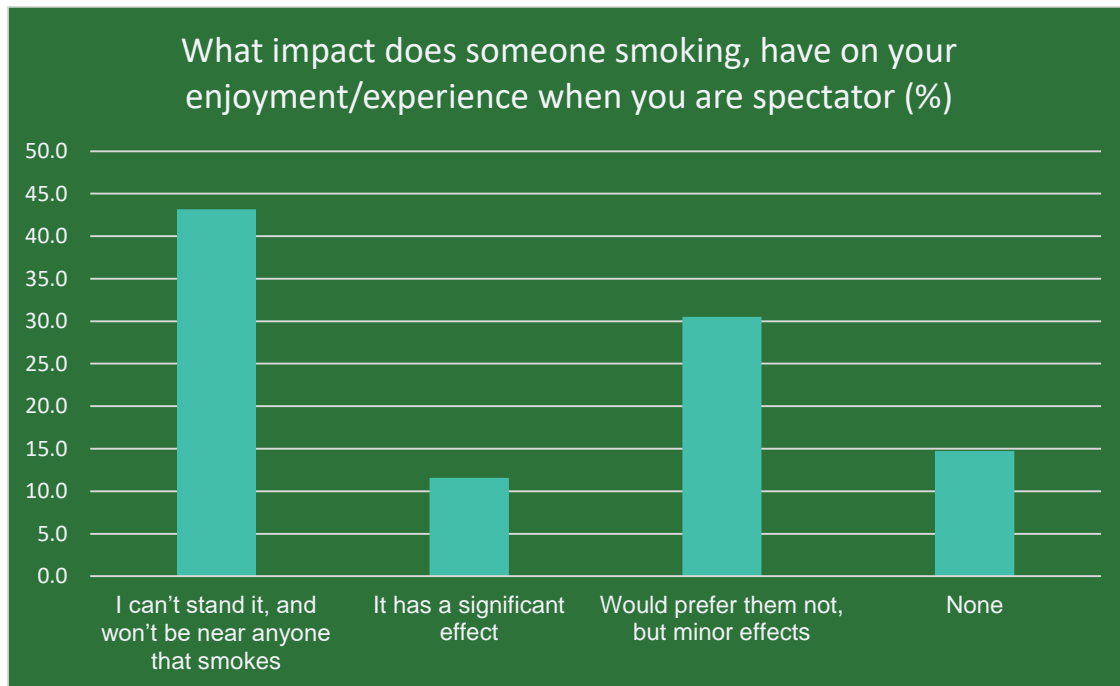
Not sure the opinions apply clearly to the statement

Prevailing opinion is we can't do anything about it

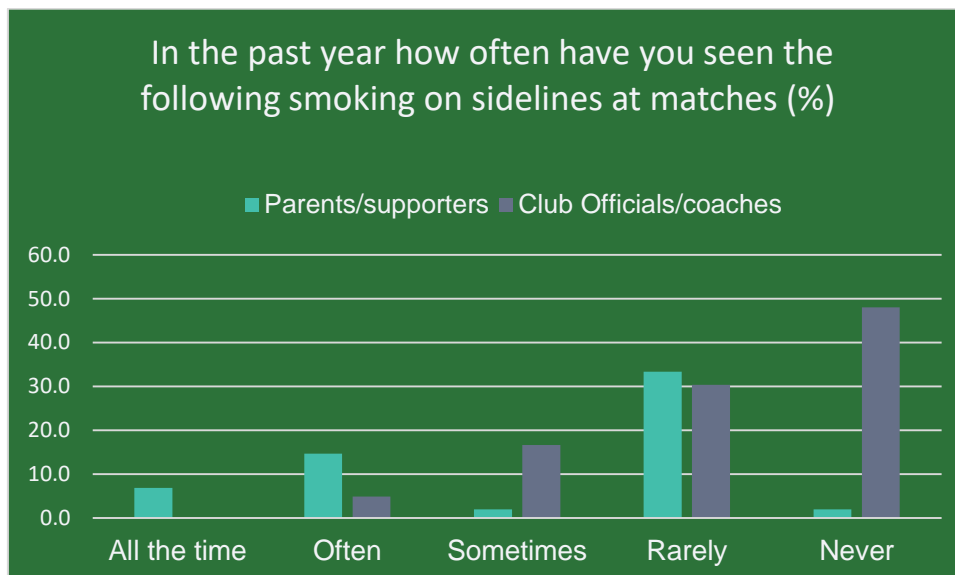
Smoke free must include e-cigarettes aswell

Would prefer more focus on social distancing - leaving it to parents to keep distance not working

Some comments raised on how to stop it since games often played in public areas



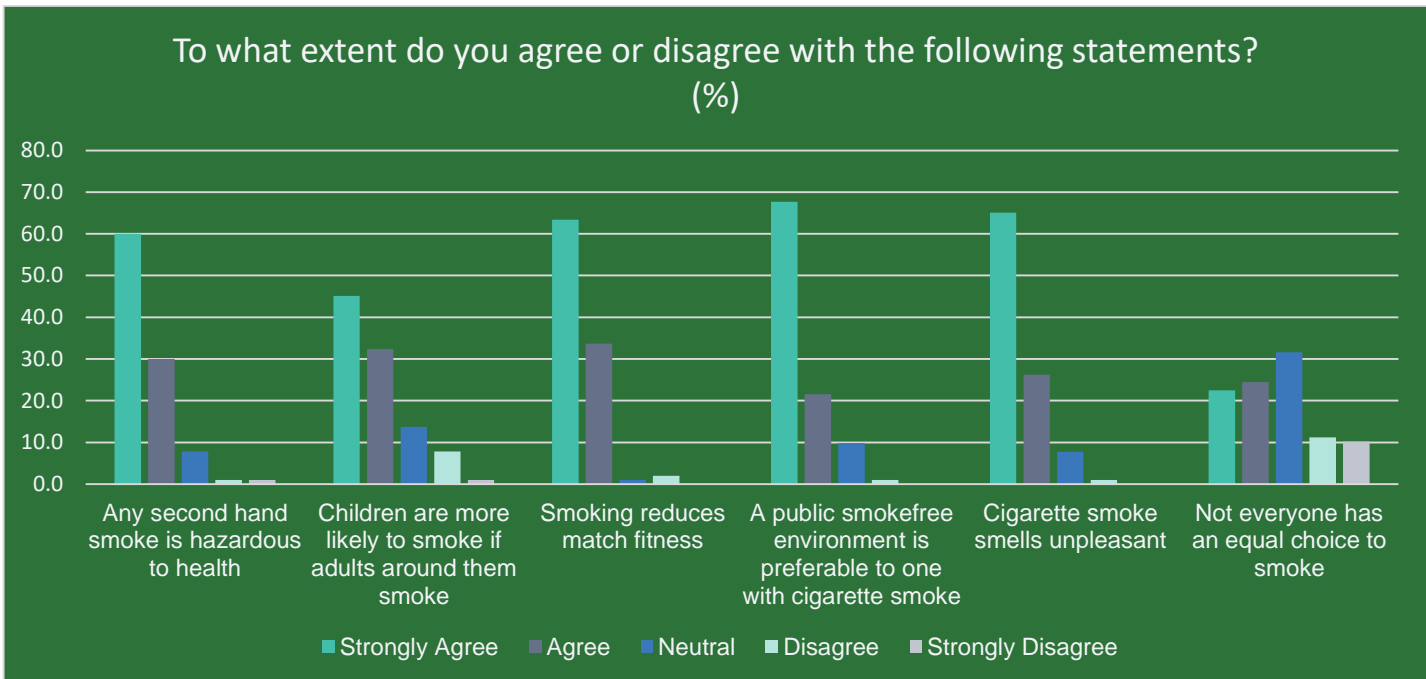
As long as I do not suffer their smoke - I am free to move away in any case.  
 As well as the health issue there is also the mess of cigarette butts at the side of a pitch  
 I would move if they were near me and I would be concerned about their proximity to young players outdoors and they may move away from other spectators  
 Personally I don't mind but I know other parents would be.



I have seen coaches vaping regularly  
 occasional smokers but they tend to move away from the sideline

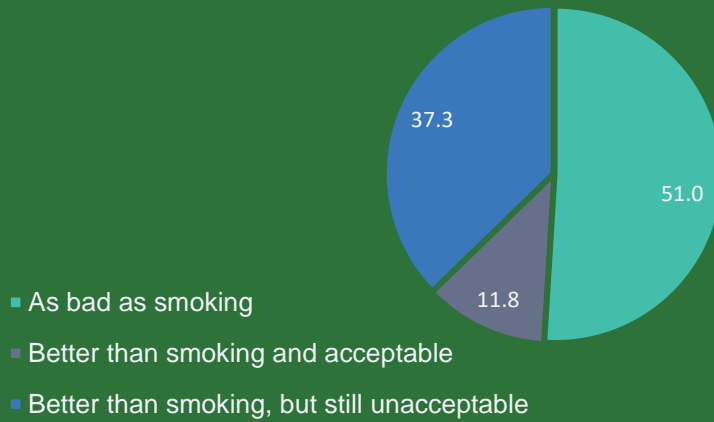


From non smoking parents/spectators  
 I think people just accept it  
 No formal complaints raised with me  
 Not aware of any  
 Usually from our parents about oppo supporters blowing at boys taking throw ins.  
 Vapes



Smoking outside is ok

## Vaping (using e-cigarettes) on the sidelines where young people are playing is... (%)



### As bad and stink

It's an equally bad example to children, regardless if less damaging  
sometimes Vaping smells worse than smoking due to the sweet smelling vapour and the amount of it  
They need to move away from sidelines but can stay in field

## If you wanted to, how confident would you feel about asking someone not to smoke on the sidelines (%)



Have tried, usually met with defensive or aggressive response

I would be confident if it was an FA rule

I would be confident if it was official policy

I would be more confident if there were guidelines in place to actively discourage it

If a rule was in place

Unless it was someone I knew

## My top three issues about asking someone not to smoke on the side lines where young people are... (by number)



I'm not that bothered about verbal abuse but the questionnaire forced 3 answers. It's the signage and policy as backup that's required.

Its a public park, how can you ask people not to some in the open?

majority would comply

Public property! Who are we to say they can't smoke with no policy or FA

## So we've an idea of the groups of people who have responded can you tick all those that apply (number).

