

# St John's Wood Amenity Society comments

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Shisha smoking in Westminster is unregulated and yet evidence from the WHO, British Heart Foundation and Imperial College Health Care NHS Trust shows that Shisha smoking is extremely detrimental to health, with one hour of Shisha equivalent to smoking 100 cigarettes. Shisha smoking is banned from within 500m of universities or schools in Qatar, Turkey and other countries and yet in leafy St John's Wood, Shisha smoking is permitted within 10m of the entrance to Robinsfield Infant School. Shisha needs to be properly regulated to safeguard the health of users, staff and non smokers. Shisha smoking is now escalating rapidly outside traditional areas like Edgware Road as highly lucrative 98% profit margins can be made.

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The use of roof gardens and terraces at first floor level and above can cause unacceptable overlooking, noise and loss of privacy issues for neighbours in residential areas and should be carefully controlled.

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We value our desirable, multicultural, multi-faith and economically diverse community in St John's Wood and we are currently working hard through neighbourhood planning to achieve a higher level of social cohesion and to better embrace our inherent diversity. The public realm should therefore not be used by any single religious group to further its own aims whilst excluding others.

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The unique Arcadian character of the St John's Wood Conservation Area is created by its listed villas set within large gardens. Permitting infill development or the development of additional houses in back gardens would be extremely detrimental to the character of the area.