

If Cannabis is dangerous

The worst thing we could be doing is to prevent any form of control or regulation of its sale and to ensure there is no quality control - but that's what we do with prohibition.

Cannabis is not a controlled drug

The recent changes in the law have accepted that Cannabis is not as dangerous as other illegal drugs, indeed in many ways it's not as dangerous as alcohol or tobacco.

It is also accepted that cannabis is widely used by Millions of people with little or no ill effects

Some street cannabis is highly polluted and may be far more dangerous than the real thing

If we sold alcohol in the same way as we sell cannabis we would see victims in the gutters.

Apart from preventing the sort of legal regulation we have with alcohol, a conviction for cannabis can still damage careers and wreck Lives, causing far more harm to the user than the plant ever could.

Because it's illegal, otherwise law abiding cannabis users are funding organised crime, or worse even terrorism

The most dangerous thing about cannabis is the law

The case for legalisation I am presenting is based on harm reduction, health promotion and crime reduction and which the council could be making to government via the Drug Action Team.

- 1: Cannabis needs to be sold by people who are accountable and do not supply other drugs. As with alcohol suppliers, commercial cannabis dealers should be licensed.
- 2: Cannabis outlets need to be licensed, as we do with alcohol and for similar reasons.
- 3: The strength of commercially available cannabis needs to be monitored and controlled.
- 4: The purity of cannabis needs to be regulated.
- 5: We need a campaign to encourage safer use of cannabis
- 6: As a part of the Safer smoking campaign, cannabis outlets (So-called "Coffeeshops") could be tobacco free.

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I'm a member of the webteam of UKCIA, a site dedicated to telling the truth about cannabis free from government spin. For more information about cannabis, it's uses and the culture see

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Derek Williams

I've lived in the ward on Pembroke Road for over 23 years. I'm 50 years old with no kids, have a degree in Environmental Sciences from UEA and work in City College as a technician.

The case for legalisation of cannabis I'm making is based on harm reduction, health promotion and crime reduction, very much the concern of the council. To further these aims if elected I would seek a place on the local Drug Action Team. I believe the law is dangerous both for cannabis users and for all of us.

Other than promoting the aims of the LCA, If elected I would serve in every

respect as an independent councillor, and would not promote any party political agenda. Although I would not support extremist, sectarian or racist causes, I will not shy away from highlighting difficult social issues.

I will represent the constituents of Nelson ward to the best of my abilities in terms of casework and attending council meetings. Other than confidential casework, all my dealings with Norwich City Council would be a matter of public record.

I believe local politics should be about the community and helping people deal with the council; the work of a councillor is more about giving people a voice than building networks of party activists or furthering personal political ambition.