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With the reclassification of cannabis in January 2004, the LCA would like to introduce a new approach to cannabis and the way it has been perceived until now.

The national news has informed the public that from January arrest is unlikely for possession of cannabis, except in public areas, outside schools and near children.

However, cannabis will remain illegal, although the police will be discouraged from arrest for cannabis possession.

Suppliers will still face up to 14 years in prison. No amount acceptable as "personal" possession has been set.

So, although downgraded, the punishment could now be worse than before, especially if you are caught with your month's supply and the police accuse you of dealing!

And of course there are thousands of medical users of cannabis, treating ailments such as:

**AIDS, MS, EPILEPSY, PARAPLEGIA,  
CHRONIC PAIN, MIGRAINE, ASTHMA,  
NAUSEA, ADULT ATTENTION  
DEFECT DISORDER, CRONES  
DISEASE, LABOUR PAIN,  
DEPRESSION, TINNITUS, GLAUCOMA,  
AND MANY MORE.**

Even after trials using cannabis extracts are complete, it is unclear who will benefit from prescription cannabis - and those who do not will still be breaking the law.

Surely, it is time to approach everyone across the UK with the idea of a regulated approach to cannabis, educating people, making it safer and bringing more investment to the ailing public services such as hospitals, schools and the transport system.

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If you believe that cannabis should be legalised, why not send your local MP a copy of this leaflet along with a letter congratulating the government in the first positive step towards cannabis legalisation.

You can write to your MP at

House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

For more information please visit the following web sites:

<http://www.lca-uk.org>

<http://www.ccguides.org.uk>

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## THE NEW WAY FORWARD.....

If the government had the opportunity of making an extra six hundred million pounds a year, would that persuade them to legalise cannabis?

It has been proposed that if every user of cannabis was allowed to apply for a license to grow their own cannabis and were charged a fee similar to that paid for a BBC TV License, the 6 Million users in the UK could provide a new income for the public.

If cultivation of cannabis was allowed at home, the plants would provide enough cannabis for the user until the next crop is ready, therefore eliminating the need for cannabis dealers who may also peddle hard drugs; this in itself should be more than enough to persuade the government. After all it would solve a whole load of problems and rid them of the dealers who also supply crack cocaine, heroin and speed.

There is also the opportunity to recycle waste if it is dried first. It could be made into paper, oil, fuel, materials, rope etc. Cheap medicine and cheap fuel – locally!

A simple recycle bin could be provided to all growers, ensuring minimum wastage and a new potential for the UK to have a new renewable source.

However, this is not the end of the solution for Cannabis legalisation. It gets better!

If the government does not want people smoking in public places it would be sensible

to introduce some sort of community centre to encourage users off the streets.

These centres - called “Coffeeshops” in Holland - could offer safe, warm, comfortable environments for medical and recreational users and provide information for reduction in risk for cannabis users, which until now has never been approached in the UK by the government.

If these community centres are opened it would be sensible to have some sort of license for them. This would create another income which could be paid locally.

The sale of cannabis and production of the many useful things that we use everyday, without further pollution of the environment

Would require an additional workforce and could significantly reduce unemployment.

The main emphasis is that those who want to use cannabis should be able to do so without the need to visit drug dealers This is what all cannabis users would like to see in an ideal world: readily available good quality cannabis - nothing more, and nothing less.

The government is concerned about cannabis being harmful. They believe that using cannabis is as harmful as alcohol and tobacco, which makes them apprehensive about changing the law.

Many people have come to accept that drinking and driving can happen due to bad judgment. Many people have witnessed the extremities of drunks, or the heartache of watching a cancer victim dying, and it is time

to separate cannabis from these potential lethal substances.

Cannabis, for those who do not know, can be smoked with or without tobacco; it can be eaten in cakes or food, or even vaporised.

Although the most common way to consume cannabis is with a mixture of tobacco, it is also the most dangerous; this is one subject that needs to be tackled.

Many MP’s and famous people have admitted to having smoked cannabis. Surprisingly they are all still doing their jobs and have not become addicted to hard drugs. This illustrates that cannabis is not a gateway drug at all. In fact if it is perceived that way it is because it is classed as a drug, when in reality it should not be.

### BENEFITS TO THE UK

- EXTRA REVENUE FOR PUBLIC SERVICES. BETTER POLICING.
- REDUCTION IN CRIME AND DRUG DEALERS
- DECREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT
- OPPORTUNITY TO RESEARCH AND UTILISE CANNABIS AS A RENEWABLE SOURCE
- OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE A DRY WASTE RECYCLING SYSTEM.
- CHEAP MEDICINE, CHEAP FUEL