

## **For Legalisation**

It would help cut crime.

More police and customs resources could be targeted at combating harder drugs.

The individual has the right to choose for themselves whether or not to take cannabis.

Cannabis is in many ways less harmful than alcohol.

Legal supplies of cannabis are less likely to be adulterated.

The appeal of being an illegal drug would be removed.

Conflict with the police would be reduced.

It provides a source of revenue for some developing countries.

Many young people get a criminal record for using drugs and it ruins their careers. If it was legal there would be no problem.

Amsterdam is a good example. Since they decriminalized cannabis fewer people use it and it causes less problems.

## **Against Legalisation**

Cannabis smoke can damage the lungs and cause cancer.

Cannabis interferes with a person's work.

Cannabis can accentuate psychological problems.

All drug use is wrong.

It will lead to pressure to legalise more harmful drugs.

Not enough is known about the long term effects of cannabis use.

Smoking cannabis may lead a person to start smoking heroin.

Cannabis is associated with permissiveness, moral decline and degradation of personality.

Opinion polls show only 8 to 12% favouring legalisation.

Britain, along with 65 other countries, is a signatory to the Single Convention of 1961 agreeing to controls on cannabis.

Much of the research on cannabis was in the 1960s and 70s and since then the strength of cannabis has been increased by plant breeding.

More young, vulnerable people would use.

People who do use drugs would use even more.

Alcohol is legal and look what problems we have with that. Making things legal doesn't solve anything.

Look at Amsterdam. It's a junkie paradise that attracts drug users from all over the world.