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PUBLIC AREAS IN ORCHARD ROAD PRECINCT TO BE SMOKE-FREE FROM 1 JULY 2018

*Applications for smoking corners at food retail establishments island-wide
will no longer be accepted*

Singapore, 30 June 2017 – To protect the public from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke, the National Environment Agency (NEA) has been working towards our vision of prohibiting smoking in all public areas, except at Designated Smoking Areas (DSAs). In line with that, from 1 July 2018, all public areas within the Orchard Road precinct will be designated as a smoke-free zone (see **Annex A** for a map of the smoke-free zone). Thereafter, smoking in public areas within the smoke-free zone will only be allowed at DSAs. Smoking corners at food retail establishments within the smoke-free zone will also be rescinded by 30 June 2018. In addition, new smoking corners at food retail establishments island-wide will no longer be approved.

Orchard Road becomes a smoke-free zone from 1 July 2018

2 Since August 2015, NEA has been engaging the Orchard Road Business Association (ORBA) as well as the other stakeholders at Orchard Road precinct to ensure the successful implementation of the smoke-free zone. “As Place Manager, the Orchard Road Business Association continually takes steps to improve the visitor experience in our precinct. Whilst the Designated Smoking Areas will cater to smokers, non-smokers are also protected from second-hand tobacco smoke. We therefore welcome NEA’s move and will continue to work closely with NEA and our members to ensure the successful implementation of the smoke-free zone,” said Mr Steven Goh, ORBA’s executive director.

3 NEA will continue to engage the various stakeholders during this one-year period to ensure that ‘No Smoking’ signage is installed at the affected premises and roads within the smoke-free zone, and that bins with ashtrays are replaced with bins without ashtrays. Bins placed along the main thoroughfare will also carry messages reminding people that the area is a smoke-free zone. Premises owners have also been advised to send a circular to their tenants to inform them about the smoke-free zone and the location of nearby DSAs.

4 Landed residential premises within the boundaries of the smoke-free zone will not be subject to the prohibition. The open areas within the compounds of non-landed residential premises will also not be subject to the prohibition, except for existing prohibited places such as exercise areas and playgrounds.

Smoking corner applications island-wide will no longer be accepted

5 With immediate effect, NEA will no longer be accepting applications for smoking corners in all food retail establishments island-wide. Existing smoking corners in food retail establishments will be allowed to remain until the current licence is terminated or cancelled.

Smoking enforcement

6 NEA will take an advisory approach in the first three months of the roll-out of the Orchard Road smoke-free zone, whereby those caught smoking in public areas within the smoke-free zone will receive verbal warnings. However, smokers who repeatedly flout the law in spite of prior warnings may be issued a fine¹. From 1 October 2018, enforcement action will be taken against all offenders who smoke in public areas within the smoke-free zone, other than at DSAs. Premises owners are encouraged to demarcate DSAs and put up directional signage within their premises for the benefit of smokers among their occupants and visitors.

7 NEA takes a strict stance against smokers who flout the law and our officers actively patrol smoking hotspots, as well as locations which we receive public feedback on. In 2016, about 19,000 tickets were issued for smoking in prohibited areas. However, given that smoking is prohibited in more than 32,000 premises, it is not possible for NEA to deploy officers to watch over all these locations at all times. Operators and managers of smoke-free premises are required by law to request patrons who smoke to cease smoking or to leave the premises.

8 Everyone can help to ensure the effective implementation of the smoke-free zone at Orchard Road precinct. Smokers are reminded to be socially responsible and considerate when smoking in public places and to smoke in permitted areas or DSAs only. Friendly and timely reminders from family, friends and other members of the community can also help to reinforce the right social behaviour and norms.

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¹ Under the Smoking (Prohibition in Certain Places) Act, an individual who is caught smoking in a prohibited place is liable to a fine of up to \$1,000.

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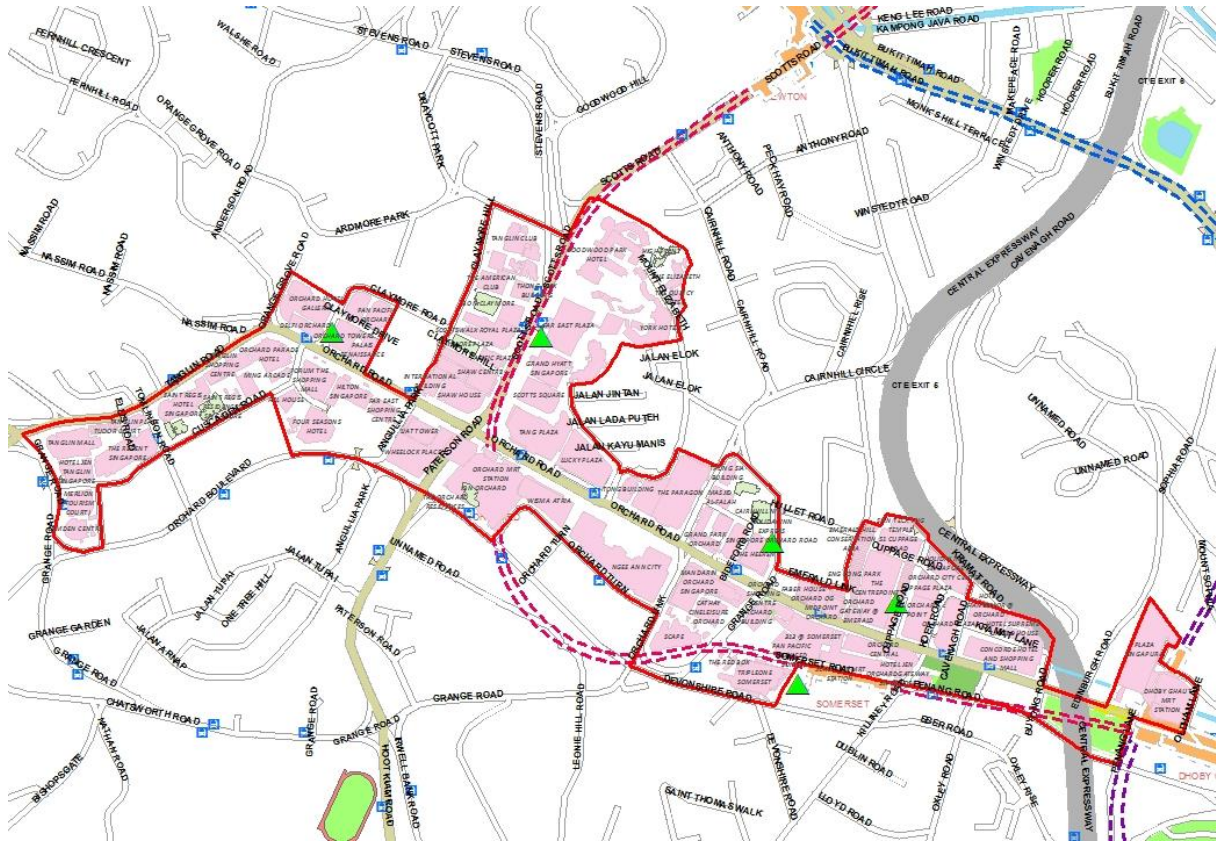
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About National Environment Agency

Formed on 1 July 2002, the National Environment Agency (NEA) is the leading public organisation responsible for improving and sustaining a clean and green environment in Singapore. The NEA develops and spearheads environmental initiatives and programmes through its partnership with the People, Public and Private sectors. It is committed to motivating every individual to take up environmental ownership and to care for the environment as a way of life.

By protecting Singapore's environment from pollution, maintaining a high level of public health and providing timely meteorological information, the NEA endeavours to ensure sustainable development and a quality living environment for present and future generations.

SMOKE-FREE ZONE AT ORCHARD ROAD PRECINCT



List of Government-owned DSAs

1. Behind Somerset MRT Station
2. Cuppage Terrace
3. Far East Plaza
4. Orchard Towers
5. The Heeren

Guidelines for DSAs

DSAs should be sized according to the needs of the area/premises but should generally not be more than 10sq metres in size. The locations of DSAs should take into consideration potential disamenities to non-smokers, for example: they should not be sited directly next to main thoroughfare. Each DSA should also come with signage, a cigarette butt canister or litter bin with ash tray and display smoking cessation messages. Premises owners of newly prohibited places keen to set up DSAs may wish to refer to NEA’s website for more information or contact NEA for further advice.

List of affected roads

No	Road Name	No	Road Name	No	Road Name
1	Angullia Park (From Junction of Orchard Boulevard to Junction of Orchard Road)	14	Emerald Hill Road (From 74 Emerald Hill Road to junction of Emerald Hill)	27	Orchard Link
2	Bideford Road (From Orchard Road to junction of Cairnhill Road after Thong Sia Building)	15	Emerald Link	28	Orchard Road (From Junction of Tanglin Road and Orange Grove Road to junction of Oldham Lane)
3	Buyong Road	16	Grange Road (after Napier Road towards Orchard Boulevard)	29	Orchard Spring Lane
4	Cairnhill Road (From junction Emerald Link to junction of Bideford Road after Thong Sia Building)	17	Handy Road (From Plaza Singapura till junction of Oldham Lane)	30	Orchard Turn (From junction of Orchard Boulevard to Orchard Link)
5	Cavenagh Road (From junction of Cavenagh Road and Orchard Road to junction of kramat road and Cavenagh Road)	18	Killiney Road (From junction of Penang Road and Somerset Road to Orchard Road)	31	Oxley Road (From junction of Penang Road to junction of Orchard Road)
6	Claymore Drive	19	Koek Road	32	Paterson Road (From junction of Orchard Boulevard to junction of Orchard Road)
7	Claymore Hill	20	Kramat Lane	33	Penang Road (From junction of Somerset Road and Killiney Road to Penang Lane)
8	Claymore Road (Starting from junction of Orange Grove Rd and Claymore Road to the road that ends at behind Pan Pacific Orchard)	21	Kramat Road (From junction of Cavenagh Road to junction of Buyong Road)	34	Penang Lane (From Orchard Road till Penang Road)
9	Cuppage Road	22	Mount Elizabeth (Excluding road section from 47 Jln Elok to Richmond Park)	35	Scotts Road (From Orchard Road till junction of Scotts Road and Stevens Road after Goodwood Park)
10	Cuscaden Road	23	Nutmeg Road	36	Somerset Road
11	Devonshire Road (From Grange Road to Exeter Road)	24	Oldham Lane	37	Stevens Road (Linking Draycott Drive and Scotts Road)
12	Draycott Drive (From junction of Stevens Road to junction of Claymore Hill)	25	Orange Grove Road (From junction of Tanglin Road and Orange Grove Road till Orchard Hotel Galleria, linking to Claymore Rd)	38	Tanglin Road (From junction of Napier Road, Tanglin Road and Grange Road to junction of Tanglin Road and Orange Grove Road)
13	Ellis Road	26	Orchard Boulevard (Excluding 2 road sections from junction of Orchard Spring Lane to the road in front of Four Season Hotel and junction of Orchard Turn to junction of Orchard Link and Grange Road)	39	Tomlinson Road (From junction of Tanglin Road to junction of Cuscaden Road)

List of affected buildings

All premises except private residential premises within the Smoke-Free Zone will be prohibited for smoking and notwithstanding the building list provided below:

No	Building Name/ Address	No	Building Name	No	Building Name
1	11 Cuscaden Road	35	Holiday Inn Express Singapore Orchard Road	69	Peranakan Place
2	121 Somerset Road	36	Holiday Inn Singapore Orchard City Centre	70	Plaza Singapura
3	268 Orchard Road	37	Hotel Chancellor @ Orchard	71	Royal Plaza
4	313 @ Somerset	38	Hotel Grand Central	72	Saint Regis Hotel Singapore
5	362 Orchard Road	39	Hotel Jen Orchardgateway Singapore	73	Saint Regis Residences Singapore
6	364 Orchard Road	40	Hotel Jen Tanglin Singapore	74	Scape
7	366 Orchard Road	41	Hotel Supreme	75	Scotts Square
8	51 Cuppage Road	42	HPL House	76	Scottswalk
9	58 Emerald Hill Road	43	International Building	77	Shaw Centre
10	8 On Claymore	44	Ion Orchard	78	Shaw House
11	9 Cuscaden Road	45	Killiney Road Post Office	79	Sian Teck Tng Temple
12	90 Cuscaden Road	46	Liat Tower	80	Somerset MRT Station
13	Cairnhill Nine	47	Lucky Plaza	81	Tang Plaza
14	Camden Centre	48	Mandarin Orchard Singapore	82	Tanglin Club
15	Camden Medical Centre	49	Masjid Al-Falah	83	Tanglin Mall
16	Cathay Cineleisure Orchard	50	Merlion (Tourism Court)	84	Tanglin Place
17	Claymore Plaza	51	Midpoint Orchard	85	Tanglin Shopping Centre
18	Concorde Hotel And Shopping Mall	52	Ming Arcade	86	The American Club
19	Cuppage Plaza	53	Ngee Ann City	87	The Centrepoint
20	Cuppage Terrace	54	OG Orchard Point	88	The Elizabeth
21	Delfi Orchard	55	Orchard Building	89	The Heeren
22	Dhoby Ghaut MRT Station	56	Orchard Central	90	The Orchard Residences
23	Emerald Hill Conservation Area	57	Orchard Gateway @ Emerald	91	The Paragon
24	Eng Kong Park	58	Orchard Hotel Galleria	92	The Quincy Hotel
25	Faber House	59	Orchard MRT Station	93	The Red Box
26	Far East Plaza	60	Orchard OG	94	The Regent Singapore
27	Far East Shopping Centre	61	Orchard Parade Hotel	95	Thong Sia Building
28	Forum The Shopping Mall	62	Orchard Plaza	96	Thong Teck Building
29	Four Seasons Hotel	63	Orchard Shopping Centre	97	Tong Building
30	Goodwood Park Hotel	64	Orchard Towers	98	Tripleone Somerset
31	Grand Hyatt Singapore	65	Pacific Plaza	99	Tudor Court
32	Grand Park Orchard	66	Palais Renaissance	100	United House
33	High Point	67	Pan Pacific Orchard	101	Wheelock Place
34	Hilton Singapore	68	Pan Pacific Serviced Suites	102	Wisma Atria
				103	York Hotel