

I want to register my strong opposition to the proposal to introduce buffer zones around abortion clinics.

I do so for the following reasons:

1. It denies freedom of assembly on the public street.
2. It discriminates against the movement of pro-life citizens and of those who are working for the abolition of abortion.
3. It criminalises those who wish to pray for, and give help to, women and girls who are going for abortions.
4. It creates yet more 'no-go' areas in Northern Ireland.
5. It makes those who want to save lives the law-breakers while protecting those who want to destroy life, thus calling good evil, and evil good

There are other reasons why I oppose this planned legislation, but these few points give an idea of my views.