

I am writing in reference to Claire Bailey's "Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Bill" where Ms Bailey wishes to see anyone standing outside abortion centres, offering help to abortion minded women, to be criminalised.

My concern is if you bow down to Ms. Bailey's Bill, where does it end?

Does this mean that when it comes to voting and those handing out their leaflets, in an attempt to get the public to change their minds, should also be criminalised and fined?

I dare say in certain parts of Northern Ireland, many going into the Polling Stations feel intimidated, and this is exactly what Claire Bailey claims about those standing outside abortion centres.

Therefore, if you permit the premise of members of the public standing offering leaflets for others to change their mind, the same logic would have to follow for those handing out leaflets at Polling Stations.

I urge you to ensure Claire Bailey's Bill does not move forward, as you can clearly see, if you apply this ruling to people standing outside abortion centres, you would have to apply it to the Polling Stations, and any other kind of leaflet giving group.

I trust common sense will prevail.