

I write to register my strong objection to the proposed introduction of buffer zones around abortion clinics. I do so for the following reasons:

1. It is a denial of the freedom of assembly in the public square.
2. It is discriminatory against pro-life citizens and abolitionists.
3. It will criminalise those who wish to help 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.

There are other reasons why I am opposed to this legislation, but five points give a reasonable overview of my views.