

I am totally against the proposed legislation for the following reasons:

This suggested legislation is draconian, and one-sided as it only targets pro-life people.

Pro-life vigils are peaceful and prayerful, offering advice if required and helping women to make a reasoned decision about abortion.

The police already have powers to deal with alleged activity that contravenes the law.

No evidence to substantiate Claire Bailey's allegations of harassment or intimidation around abortion centres

The bill would make it a crime to do anything outside abortion clinic centres which might influence a person in their decision to attend". Surely, placards and information leaflets or talking to women or praying cannot be construed as harassment nor an act "...punishable or conviction by law..." up to £25000.

Contravenes freedom of assembly and expression – both fundamental human rights

Zones will rob vulnerable women of an opportunity to revisit their decision to abort. Many women have changed their mind and kept their babies based on support outside abortion clinics.

The cost of policing these zones could be quite high – money that could be utilised more creatively elsewhere.