

# Public Order Bill

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**Before Clause 1**

LORD COAKER  
LORD PADDICK  
BARONESS CHAKRABARTI

Before Clause 1, insert the following new Clause –

**“Meaning of “serious disruption”**

- (1) In this Act, “serious disruption” means disruption causing significant harm to persons, organisations or the life of the community, in particular where –
- (a) it may result in a significant delay to the delivery of a time-sensitive product to consumers of that product, or
  - (b) it may result in a prolonged disruption of access to any essential goods or any essential service, including access to –
    - (i) the supply of money, food, water, energy, or fuel,
    - (ii) a system of communication,
    - (iii) a place of worship,
    - (iv) a transport facility,
    - (v) an educational institution, or
    - (vi) a service relating to health.
- (2) In subsection (1)(a), “time-sensitive product” means a product whose value or use to its consumers may be significantly reduced by a delay in the supply of the product to them.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This new Clause defines the concept of “serious disruption” for the purposes of this Bill, which is the trigger for several new offences and powers.*

**Clause 5**

LORD PADDICK

Clause 5, page 4, line 24, leave out “with the intention that it may be used” and insert “for use”

**Member's explanatory statement**

*This amendment is designed to narrow the type of object to one for use in committing an offence rather than an object that may be used to commit an offence.*

**Clause 9**

LORD FARMER

Leave out Clause 9 and insert the following new Clause –

**“Review into certain activities taking place outside abortion clinics in England and Wales**

- (1) The Secretary of State must arrange for the carrying out of a review into activities taking place in the vicinity of abortion clinics in England and Wales which could influence any person’s decision to access, provide, or facilitate the provision of abortion services.
- (2) The review must include evidence from and consultation with the following –
  - (a) the operators of abortion providers,
  - (b) owners and occupiers of the land within proposed buffer zones,
  - (c) the National Police Chiefs Council,
  - (d) individuals, charities, and organisations impacted by proposed buffer zones,
  - (e) the relevant local authorities,
  - (f) the public, and
  - (g) such other persons or organisations as appropriate.
- (3) The review must consider the effectiveness of existing relevant powers including, but not limited to, the power under section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (power to make public spaces protection orders).
- (4) The review must assess the necessity of further legislation in this area, and whether legislating further would be proportionate.
- (5) The Secretary of State must publish and lay before each House of Parliament a report on the outcome of the review before the end of the period of one year beginning with the day on which this section comes into force.”

**After Clause 18**

LORD SANDHURST

After Clause 18, insert the following new Clause –

**“Conduct which does not constitute a lawful excuse**

- (1) This section applies to any offence that makes conduct unlawful unless there is an excuse for it, where the provision defining that offence, or caselaw, specifies either that the excuse must be a lawful excuse or that it must be a reasonable one.

- (2) It is not a lawful or reasonable excuse for the conduct that –
  - (a) it is intended to influence the Government or public opinion by intimidating, provoking, inconveniencing or otherwise harming members of the public by interrupting or disrupting their freedom to carry on a lawful activity, or
  - (b) it is designed to influence the Government or public opinion by subjecting members of the public, or their property, or the property of a public body, to a risk, or increased risk, of loss or damage.
- (3) In this section “conduct” includes any act or omission.
- (4) For the purposes of the Human Rights Act 1998, this section must be treated as necessary in a democratic society for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment reverses the decision of the Supreme Court in DPP v Ziegler and others, [2021] UKSC 23, in relation to any offence that has a “no lawful excuse” requirement. It will include the offence of locking on and other offences.*

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