

# **Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill**

## **Strategic Environmental Assessment**

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# **PRE-SCREENING NOTIFICATION**

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**Responsible Authority:**

[Box 1.](#)

Scottish Government

**Title of the plan:**

[Box 2.](#)

Hate Crime (Scotland) Bill 2019

**What prompted the plan:**

(e.g. a legislative, regulatory or administrative provision)

[Box 3.](#)

Lord Bracadale carried out an independent review which recommended that the Scottish Hate Crime legislation should be consolidated into a single piece of legislation and that some additional changes should be made to the current legislation.

**Plan subject:**

(e.g. transport)

[Box 4.](#)

Scottish Hate Crime

**Brief summary of the plan:**

(including the area or location to which the plan related)

[Box 5.](#)

The Hate Crime Bill will consolidate all existing Scottish Hate Crime legislation and we propose adding a couple of new “aggravations” (existing offences can be aggravated by prejudice in respect of one or more of the protected characteristics of race, religion, disability, sexual orientation and transgender identity) for age and gender . We also expect that following the consultation there may be calls to add “vulnerability” and to define sectarianism as a separate aggravation.

Our consultation and Hate Crime Bill will be based on Lord Bracadale’s independent review of hate crime.

We will base our legislative changes on the review and our forthcoming consultation.

**Brief summary of the likely environmental consequences:**

(including whether it has been determined that the plan is likely to have no or minimum effects, either directly or indirectly)

[Box 6.](#)

This legislation will be brought forward to make societal change in that it will make administrative changes relating to legal definitions and add new “aggravators” to improve and make more transparent the sentencing relating to hate crime. .

The legislation will have no or minimal impact on the environment and on the health of the population.

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