

Ban on anti-abortion protests near clinics

Manchester has joined Ealing in West London in banning anti-abortion protests outside clinics. City councillors agreed yesterday to "take all necessary actions within its powers" to stop what it said was the harassment of women using the clinics. Both local authorities will undertake a public consultation on introducing a public space protection order.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children said: "It is quite wrong to label these peaceful vigils as 'protests.'" A national review of how protests are held outside clinics is under way.

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