1. Do you agree with the proposal in the Bill to repeal the 2012 Act? What are your reasons for coming to this view?

Yes being a regular at football in Scotland you see first-hand how damaging the act is. From the fear of your door being chapped by police. My mum worrying that I could get arrested anytime I go to the football. Going to the football is meant to be an enjoyable experience but since the act was brought in it hasn't with the constant harassment from the police.

2. Did you support the original legislation?

No.

3. Do you consider that other existing provisions of criminal law are sufficient to prosecute offensive behaviour related to football which leads to public disorder? If so, could you specify the criminal law provisions? Or does repeal of section 1 risk creating a gap in the criminal law?

Yes. Breach of the peace, section 74 of the criminal justice (Scotland) Act 2003, Section 38 of the criminal justice and licensing (Scotland) Act 2010. These laws are sufficient enough. These laws are sufficient in every other aspect why does this change when it comes to football.

4. Do you have a view on the focus of section 1 of the 2012 Act, which criminalises behaviour surrounding watching, attending or travelling to or from football matches, which may not be criminalised in other settings?

There should be no law that targets football supporters specifically - it is discrimination.

5. Do you consider that other existing provisions of criminal law are sufficient to prosecute threats made with the intent of causing a person or persons fear or alarm or inciting religious hatred? If so, could you specify the criminal law provisions? Or does repeal of section 6 risk creating a gap in the criminal law?

Section 6 has hardly been used in the whole period since it was enacted. Regularly police and prosecutors use other legislation.
6. Do you have a view on the proposed transitional arrangements in the Bill: that there should be no further convictions for section 1 and 6 offences from the date on which the repeal of those offences takes effect; and that the police will cease issuing fixed penalty notices at least from the point at which the Bill is passed?

With immediate effect, all cases that are not concluded should be dropped and any previous convictions under the act should be quashed.

7. To what extent do you consider that the 2012 Act has assisted in tackling sectarianism?

The act has not tackled sectarianism, the act has put people through the court needlessly with the chance of ruining lives with families, jobs etc. The amount of money spent, and time spent pursuing people under the act is a disgrace.

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