



# **HATE CRIME: THE CASE FOR EXTENDING THE EXISTING OFFENCES**

## **RESPONDING TO THE EASYREAD QUESTIONS**

This response form is for people who have read the EasyRead version of our Consultation Paper on hate crime and would prefer to respond to the questions in that version, instead of responding to the full Consultation Paper. The background to the questions is contained in the EasyRead version so you will want to read that before answering.

The Consultation Paper and the EasyRead version are available free of charge on our website at:

[http://lawcommission.justice.gov.uk/consultations/hate\\_crime.htm](http://lawcommission.justice.gov.uk/consultations/hate_crime.htm)

On the response form you can tick the boxes for “yes” or “no” answers for each question and there is extra space for your comments. You do not have to respond to every question. Comments are not limited in length (the box will expand, if necessary, as you type).

There is also a longer response form available on our website which sets out all of the questions in the Consultation Paper. You may choose to fill out the longer form instead of this form.

We invite responses until **27 September 2013**.

Please return this form:

by email to: [hate.crime@lawcommission.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:hate.crime@lawcommission.gsi.gov.uk) or

by post to: Catherine Heard, Law Commission, Steel House, 11 Tothill Street, London SW1H 9LJ. Tel: 020 3334 0275

We are happy to accept responses to the questions by post, or email but we would prefer, if possible, to receive emails attaching this pre-prepared response form.

### **Freedom of information statement**


We may publish or disclose information you provide us in response to this consultation, including personal information. For example, we may publish an extract of your response in Law Commission publications, or publish the response in its entirety. We may also be required to disclose the information, such as in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you want information that you provide to be treated as confidential please contact us first, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic disclaimer generated by your IT system will not be regarded as binding on the Law Commission.

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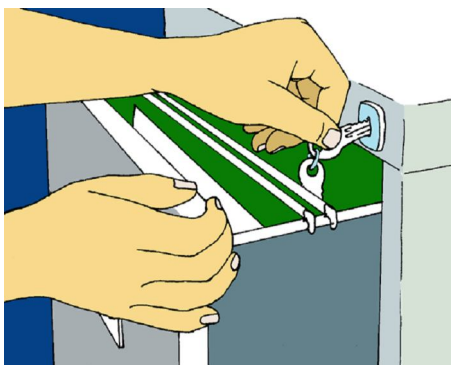
**Question 1:**

Do we need clearer and stronger rules to help courts use enhanced sentences?

Yes:

No:

Please explain why:



**Question 2:**

Should police files and the person's files show when someone has been given an enhanced sentence?

Yes:	No:	Please explain why:



**Question 3:**

If we changed enhanced sentences would that be enough?

Yes:	No:	Please explain why:



**Question 4:**

Or would we also need to make aggravated offences cover disability, sexual orientation and transgender status?

Yes:

No:

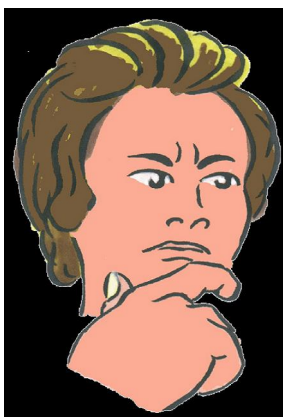
Please explain why:



**Question 5:**

Do we need new stirring up offences or can we deal with this in other ways?

Yes:	No:	Please explain why:



### **Question 6:**

How can we decide what words like 'disability' mean?



## **OTHER COMMENTS**

If you have any comments not relating to one of the questions set out above, please set them out below.

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