

# Proposed Football (Strict Liability) (Scotland) Bill

## Page 2: About you

Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

an individual

Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose "Member of the public".)

Member of the public

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

*No Response*

Please choose one of the following; if you choose the first option, please provide your name or the name of your organisation as you wish it to be published.

I am content for this response to be attributed to me or my organisation

**Name or Name of Organisation**

Mr James Sullivan

Please provide details of a way in which we can contact you if there are queries regarding your response. Email is preferred but you can also provide a postal address or phone number. We will not publish these details.

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## Page 7: Your views on the proposal

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of the proposal to introduce strict liability for football clubs in Scotland?

Fully opposed

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

An individual or individuals breaking the law should be responsible for their actions not an organisation that just happens to admit these individuals to their premises

Q2. Could the aims of this proposal be better delivered in another way (without a Bill in the Scottish Parliament)?

Yes (if so, please explain below)

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Arrest the perpetrators its the individuals who are breaking the law NOT THE CLUBS

Q3. What do you think would be the main advantages, if any, of holding clubs responsible for the behaviour of their supporters?

How is it advantageous to hold somebody, as well as the lawbreaker responsible for actions. If you break the law it is a matter for the Police, this is a cheap option for the "Scottish Government"

Q4. What do you think would be the main disadvantages, if any, of holding clubs responsible for the behaviour of their supporters?

How do you ascertain that an individual is a supporter of a certain club, at the moment it's only an admission from an individual that he/she supports a certain club

## Page 11: Behaviours and sanctions

Q5. If there is to be a system of strict liability, which of the following behaviours do you think should be covered (choose all that apply)--

The invasion or attempted invasion of a field of play

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

When did you ever hear of a Football club encouraging individuals to break the law, never, so why are they being held responsible

Q6. If there is to be a system of strict liability, which of the following sanctions do you think should be available (choose all that apply)--

Other (please specify)

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Once again every question is biased toward "strict liability"

## Page 13: Financial implications

Q7. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have on:

	Significant increase in cost	Some increase in cost	Broadly costneutral	Some reduction in cost	Significant reduction in cost	Unsure
(a) Football clubs	X					
(b) Football supporters and other individuals	X					
(c) Scottish Government and public sector bodies (such as Police Scotland)					X	

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

Government handing over a social problem to football clubs to deal with

## Page 14: Equalities

Q8. What overall impact is the proposed Bill likely to have on equality, taking account of the following protected characteristics (under the Equality Act 2010): age, disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief, sex, sexual orientation?

Neutral (neither positive nor negative)

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

The problem is "historic" absolutely nothing to do with football, these individuals act the same 24/7. Believe me I've sat/stood worked alongside these guys all my life. It's ingrained in their lifestyle and this law isn't going to change that attitude, no chance

Q9. In what ways could any negative impact of the proposed Bill on any of these protected characteristics be minimised or avoided?

These "solutions" will have no impact on the way some people think

## Page 16: Sustainability of the proposal

Q10. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably, i.e. without having likely future disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impacts?

No

**Please explain the reasons for your response.** This is a total waste of public money

## Page 17: General

Q11. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal to introduce strict liability for football clubs in Scotland?

Absolutely get under cover personnel in amongst crowds at matches to listen and watch for a few months, you'll find that alcohol plays a very large part of any misbehaviour in football matches. I don't have the answer, but neither do you on this one.