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# Protect Duty Consultation

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# Protect Duty: Overview

*Legislative approach to improve protective security and organisational preparedness at publicly accessible locations.*

- **2019** Manifesto commitment
- **February 2021** - Consultation launched
- **18 week** consultation (as opposed to usual 12 weeks)
- UK wide

# Protect Duty: Consultation Themes

**Through the consultation** we will explore:

- Proposed **scope** of the Duty
- Likely **impacts** on stakeholders
- UK Government **support**
- **Compliance** options

# Protect Duty: Scope

## WHO would a Duty apply to?

- **Public venue** owners and operators with **capacity of 100 persons** or more
- **Large organisations** with 250 staff or more
- Consideration of responsibilities at **public spaces**



# Protect Duty: Impact

**WHAT** would a proposed Duty require stakeholders to do?

- **Consider** terrorist **threats** and methodologies
- **Assess** the potential **impact** of these (to the public and staff)
- Consider and **take forward** '**reasonably practicable**' and appropriate protective security and organisational preparedness **measures**.



# Protect Duty: Support

## HOW would Government support those affected by a Duty?

- Significant **advice and guidance** on (e.g. terrorist threat and attack methodologies, risk assessment, reasonably practicable mitigating measures, and security processes)
- Built into **existing mechanisms**
- **Easy** to understand and implement.



# Protect Duty: Inspection and enforcement

## WHY should organisations comply?

- **Primary aim** for an inspection and enforcement regime is **to advise** on improving security systems, processes and culture
- **Sanctions** (fines) will be deployed if **repeated non-compliance**
- Consideration ongoing on development of an **inspectorate**



# Protect Duty: Issues

## Key issues

- Getting scope, criteria and thresholds right
- Consideration of public spaces element
- How a Protect Duty would work in practice
- Developing requirements/guidance
- Development of Inspection and enforcement regime and delivery resource





# Protect Duty: Next Steps

## You

- **Engage** in the “Protect Duty” consultation  
[www.gov.uk/government/consultations/protect-duty](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/protect-duty)
- **Promote** far and wide to all your networks, colleagues and peers.

## Us

- Continue stakeholder engagement
- Analyse consultation responses
- Ministers will consider taking forward legislation through the development of a Bill.

