

## City MP welcomes the recognition of Stalking as a criminal offence

Two new laws to protect the victims of stalking have come into force, along with a raft of other supportive measures designed to tackle violence against women and girls.

Mark Lancaster, MP for Milton Keynes North, said: "Stalking is abhorrent. It is a crime that shatters the lives of its victims, and for too long it has not been tackled. These new laws are very welcome. They will help bring peace of mind to victims here in Milton Keynes and wherever people are suffering because of stalking".

Home Secretary, Theresa May, commented: "Stalking is a sickening and cowardly crime. Too many women live in fear, forced to look constantly over their shoulder. We need to end their suffering. That is why we are acting now.

"These new laws send a clear message that stalking will not be tolerated. This shows just how serious we are about tackling violence against women. Our priority is the victims and we will do all we can to protect them. Stalkers will not get away with it. They must be dragged out of the shadows and brought to justice".