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Westminster MPs have been thwarted in their latest efforts to impose abortion and same-sex marriage on Northern Ireland.

A group of Labour MPs attempted to add amendments on the two controversial issues to an unrelated budget Bill this week.

Both failed to pass. However, pro-abortionist Stella Creasy MP said the group would “take every single opportunity” to carry on their campaign.

Alive

Currently, Northern Ireland defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

It also protects women and unborn children from abortion in most circumstances.

Some 100,000 people are alive today because of Northern Ireland’s law on abortion – but Stella Creasy and others have been seeking to change the law for some time.

‘Right thing’

Conor McGinn, Alison McGovern, Jess Phillips, Martin Whitfield and Rosie Duffield are among the other MPs who put their names to the amendments.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday, Creasy claimed Secretary of State Karen Bradley was failing to “uphold the human rights of the people of Northern Ireland”.

She admitted the budget Bill was “not the right place” for her change but said she wanted to put Bradley “on notice” that her group would take all opportunities to push for radical change.

Bradley responded: “It is for the politicians whom the people of Northern Ireland elected to do the right thing by those people.”

Unborn

In 2016, politicians in Northern Ireland voted against weakening the law on abortion.

Last year, a poll found 93 per cent of Northern Irish adults think both lives – the mother and unborn child – are important, with only 2 per cent saying the life of the baby is not important.

The same poll found almost two thirds agreed that changing the law on abortion should be a matter for the people and their elected representatives.

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