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Lord Evans said: 'The Committee welcomes the [government response](#) and we are pleased that the Government has accepted the recommendation we made in our [2017 report](#) to make intimidation of electoral candidates and party campaigners a criminal offence.

'This is an important step and carries a powerful message about the unacceptable abuse and intimidation of people who stand for public office. If we want a vibrant and diverse democracy, more representative of the public it serves, we must be prepared to stand up to intimidation'.