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Submitted to Display of Flags and Emblems - Call for Evidence
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Introduction

1 Confirmation of having read the Northern Ireland Assembly Committee's Privacy Notice.

I confirm that I have read the privacy notice.

2 What is your name?

Name:
Julie Marinescu

3 What is your email address?

Email:

4 If you are providing a submission on behalf of an organisation or business, please state its name.

Organisation:

5 The Committee for Infrastructure has agreed to publish all responses as part of the survey results. If you would like to have your survey results anonymised and for us not to publish your name or organisation, please indicate so here.

I am content for my information, including details of my name and organisation, to be published in the survey results.

Clause 1: Removal of flags or emblems in the public interest

6 Do you agree with Clause 1 of the Bill?

Yes

7 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

I think it's utterly abhorrent, that groups of people believe they can claim housing estates for themselves. Even so called 'shared' social housing has been targeted by loyalist men. I personally know of a woman and her autistic child were removed from their property, because they were the wrong religion. It is intimidating and it needs to stop!

Clause 2: Sensitive places

8 Do you agree with Clause 2 of the Bill?

Yes

9 Please provide information to support your answer here

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I have absolutely know idea, why Israeli flags are being flown from lampposts all over Belfast. I also don't know why there are Union Jacks and paramilitary flags, flying all the way down Ballysillan Road/Crumlin Road. If people feel the need to display a flag, they should do so from their own property. The public should not be forced to tolerate this!

Clause 3: Procedure for / notification of, or giving views on, flags or emblems

10 Do you agree with Clause 3 of the Bill?

Yes

11 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

I wonder how the police will enforce this?

Clause 4: Code of Practice

12 Do you agree with Clause 4 of the Bill?

Unsure

13 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

18 months, is a ridiculously long time.

Clause 5: Offence of obstructing the Department in removal of flag or emblem

14 Do you agree with Clause 5 of the Bill?

Unsure

15 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

How much is that? Is it enough if a deterrent? These people force residents to pay for these flags. They have enough money to cover fines, no doubt.

Clause 6: Request for assistance from police

16 Do you agree with Clause 6 of the Bill?

Yes

17 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

These flag people will intimidate and cause harm to people who try to remove flags. The PSNI, should be the ones to remove such emblems.

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Yes

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

As per previous responses.

Clause 8: Commencement

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

Unsure

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

2028 far too long away!

Clause 9: Short title

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

Unsure

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

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