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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:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your email address?

Email:

[REDACTED]

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 would like my views to be anonymous and understand that my name and organisation details will be withheld, along with any identifiers in the response, but my views will still be published.

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:

In my neighbourhood, the [REDACTED] many flags are displayed all year long. Others appear well in advance of the Marching Season and remain for a few months afterwards. This gives our neighbourhood the appearance of being solidly Unionist/Loyalist, which it is not. It is a genuinely mixed area with generally good community relations. My neighbours from both sides of the community do not like these flags and would wish to have them removed.

Clause 2: Sensitive places

8 Do you agree with Clause 2 of the Bill?

Yes

9 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Again, in the [REDACTED] area, flags are routinely display for months on end in the vicinity of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church and the entrance to the Holy Rosary Primary School. In the view of myself and my neighbours, this is not acceptable. Flags of all types should be kept away for sensitive places.

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:

This is a very good idea. The voice of the local community needs to be heard on this issue of flags and emblems. This doesn't happen at the moment and people in my mixed neighbourhood are fearful of openly voicing their objections to these flags and emblems

Clause 4: Code of Practice

12 Do you agree with Clause 4 of the Bill?

Yes

13 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

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

14 Do you agree with Clause 5 of the Bill?

Yes

15 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

There must be some consequences for people who obstruct the removal of a flag or emblem. Also, for people who replace a flag or emblem once it has been officially removed.

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

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This clause is a vital part of the proposed legislation. Unless those officially removing unwanted flags and emblems have the support of the PSNI if needed, it is flawed.

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Yes

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Clause 8: Commencement

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

Yes

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

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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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