

## Response ID ANON-3A5J-4K5S-T

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:

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Organisation:

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### 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

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I totally agree. I live in a mixed area & I see unionist flags which feel very intimidating not only for myself as a catholic, but also to foreigners. For example, I've had my Protestant (church of England) English friends visiting, who also found it intimidating & they would call themselves British. There is no need for these flags to be in mixed areas, such as the Ormeau or Ravenhill Roads.

### 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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Again it feels intimidating having to look at these in 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

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### 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

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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

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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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It would be great if the police were to get on board with this. So far the people erecting these flags are doing so without consequences. One of my friends (a Protestant from Ballysillan) was approached by some of these flag bearers to put a flag outside her house, she didn't want to but felt she had to to keep the peace. People like her are afraid to go to the police for fear of repercussions.

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

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I would like it to be sooner, but I know how long these legal matters take. Most of the flags I see are tattered within weeks & remain up all year round even though they're meant to be removed after the 12th. They're an absolute eyesore!

Clause 9: Short title

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

Yes

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

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