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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:

I feel that flags and emblems are used to intimidate people seen as "others" and to delineate territory. Public spaces should be safe and open to all. I feel that these symbols are hostile and are also a blot on our beautiful landscape.

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:

As previously stated I think that these spaces should be safe and welcoming to all.

Ratepayers don't normally get any say on these offensive and divisive symbols going up and feel disenfranchised by those who are determined to drag us back into the past and who impose their outdated prejudices upon the peace loving majority.

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:

As previously stated, we are never consulted about the erection of flags and symbols and, as a ratepayer, I object to the appropriation of street furniture for the display of offensive symbols and the cost to the public purse of removing them.

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:

It would provide a forum for those who disagree with the erection of these symbols to state our views, something which has hitherto been denied to us.

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:

I totally disagree with those paramilitary groups which impose their antiquated views on the rest of our society holding sway and preventing the removal of said flags and symbols.

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:

I agree that the PSNI should be called on to assist those tasked with the removal of flags as they may need protection.

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Yes

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Interpretations of the bill should help to clarify each section to all citizens and to broaden the reach of the consultation.

Clause 8: Commencement

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

Yes

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

The sooner these measures can take effect, the sooner we can begin to build a better and more inclusive Society in Northern Ireland.

Clause 9: Short title

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

Yes

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

It is a clear statement of intent