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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

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Notify the owner of the lamp posts, register the reason why you wish to fly it and leave an organisation or person name taking responsibility for its removal. Consult with residents in particular streets as to whether or not they feel intimidated or do not want the flags.

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:

Schools
Churchs
Chapels
Dr's surgeries
leisure centres
playparks
shopping centres
Community centres

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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The public and the erectors of of flags and emblems should be able to have their views recorded and reasons laid out for why flags are going up. Crucial to have a 2 way street around this as in my opinion they have gotten worse esp in the last three years. We have moved from flags on individual homes, to lamp posts, to huge numbers of flags on many lamp posts, there is no numbers set on how many, what type of flags and how long for. There are no guard rails whatsoever. The UK has guidance and procedures around flying flags and emblems. This was supposed to sit with the DfI and not a single Minister has moved on it.

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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A code of practice will give guard rails for everyone to follow so there can be no ambiguity. Most importantly are the timelines involved especially around the length of time flags can be flown. Lamp posts belong to one Dept therefore it is incumbent on that #Dept to look after their own property.

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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This will undoubtedly take time to embed in and this is where the PSNI must defend public order anyone not abiding by the law should be penalised.

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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The PSNI are there to uphold the law, it is against the law the cause public disorder therefore the police should be called upon. Many, many people have no leaning to any particular side therefore they dislike flags because they are unsightly, divisive and mark territory, something they do not subscribe to. They have no affiliation to any flag.

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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More clarity the better so there is no ambiguity

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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Would like it quicker but the process must be followed. As it passes through the various stages obviously everyone expects it to get worse before it gets better.

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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Clarity