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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 the divided community we are trying to leave behind it is important that all members of our community can access all public places without fear. Flags and emblems have always been used in N Ireland to show power and authority over other sections of the community.

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:

I think this list covers all areas where everyone should be able to go into without feeling it is not a safe place for them. I am relieved that arterial roads and public parks are also included in this list.

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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It is important that groups ask permission to erect flags or emblems and that the criteria to be able to do this is clear and comprehensive. It is also important that you can easily and safely voice concerns about where they are erected.

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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It is important that all groups are given enough time to discuss where they are going to erect flags and emblems. These may be different places from previous celebrations but as there has been consultation with key stakeholders all possible problems will have been discussed and ironed out so that clam discussion can take place and any objections can be accompanied with logical explanations provided as a result of the consultations with stakeholders named above..

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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I would like to think that after such a large amount of thought and consultation with diverse bodies this will not be necessary. It will be important to bring groups who wish to celebrate their culture with the display of flags and emblems into all of the discussions about the change of the laws and why they need to be implemented. Respect for each others culture will not be brought about with a bill informing people of their rights . That will only happen through education, understanding each others past, believing that by doing so you are not losing you are gaining as a nation and will also bring investment, jobs and fewer people living in poverty. I would hope that there will be a time limit to the display so that the country is not festooned with ripped and battered flags and posters for months or as in my area for two years.

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:

Unfortunately this may be necessary but hopefully will be accepted in time. The policy must be consistent.

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Yes

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Necessary and provides more clarification.

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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This will give time for work to be carried out with interested groups to ensure they are au fait with the law by 2029.

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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