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Submitted to Display of Flags and Emblems - Call for Evidence  
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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 fully support the banning of flags and emblems being displayed. There is no other country I am aware of that allows the hanging of flags on public infrastructure and in shared spaces, even worse that a significant number are parliamentary flags. I live down the Ards peninsula and the displaying of flags is something which has become more and more problematic. In particular those villages which have repeatedly told their councillors that they don't want them, yet every year comes and they are up once again. They are never removed ending up blowing to tatters once winter storms come in. However what has become apparent is the flying of the UK flag is now synonymous with racism, Portavogie's recent flying of a third reich flag alongside the union jack and uvf flags. What other country allows organised criminal gangs to hang up their emblems of hate, let alone funding them to do so by distribution of public money to so called community groups every July. Its an utter disgrace that over 30 years since the good Friday agreement no action has been taken on this issue. Instead this minority is continuslly being appeased. Pathetic

### 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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See previous answer. It is time that flags were banned full stop. I wholeheartedly resent shared spaces displaying flags or emblems. Employers have a duty placed on them to promote neutral and harmonious workplaces and that's impossible to do when the public and shared spaces are plastered in British and on occasions paramilitary flags

### Clause 3: Procedure for / notification of, or giving views on, flags or emblems

10 Do you agree with Clause 3 of the Bill?

No

11 Please provide information to support your answer here

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I don't agree with this whatsoever. As a government and department responsible for public finances and with a struggling health and social care and education system... I sincerely believe that all monies currently put towards bonfires and flags needs ceased immediately and redistributed to priority departments. The proposal of the system above would necessitate even more spending and resources which would again come from public funds. That's not justifiable when there are insufficient education spaces for the most vulnerable children in our communities.

### Clause 4: Code of Practice

12 Do you agree with Clause 4 of the Bill?

No

13 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Again see previous answers. The only thing which should be issued is clear legislation banning the display of flags and emblems in shared public spaces including lamp posts and all other types of public infrastructure. Its just going to remain a cyclical issue otherwise. A code of practice is very much open to interpretation. If its not legally binding then its another waste of public money.

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

14 Do you agree with Clause 5 of the Bill?

No

15 Please provide information to support your answer here

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As before anyone obstructing the removal of flags etc should be jailed, end off. Half the people involved in stringing up flags along lamp posts don't even work, therefore it makes little difference to the gdp margin if those economically inactive hate mongerers are in prison or in their housing exec house on benefits...both are coming from the public purse. Its exhausting living in a 21st century country where your government is continually appeasing christian fundamentalists with a softly softly approach.

#### 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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#### 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?

No

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Should be immediate effect.

#### 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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