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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:
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3 What is your email address?

Email:

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 am content for my information, including details of my name and organisation, to be published in the survey results.

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:

Illegal and sectarian para military flags are offensive threatening and not in any way a celebration of culture.
Celebratory flags / emblems should not be displayed on council property (street lights), its a territorial display that does not reflect the community and often seen as intimidating.

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:

The areas of shared spaces should not be sectarian. Arterial roads roundabouts hospitals, harbours, parks and leisure centre's should be free of the sectarian element of the 12th.

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 far as possible to allow distinct areas of the community to celebrate cultural occasions but without intimidation and disrespect of shared spaces .. facilities and council property.

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:

The bill needs time for the various elements of the community to understand and abide by the proposed bill. The PSNI will need to enforce the proposal if it is to be effective.

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:

The proposal will need a change of 'norm' and both the consequences of offence and enforcement will decide its effectiveness, obviously there will be some reluctance to change and para military influence to ignore any proposal.

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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Yes 100%. The council worker should not be at risk in the removal of flags of violence and or intimidation. The PSNI should be responsible for removal of flags / emblems.

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Yes

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

For clarity of what constitutes offence or sectarian flags / emblems.

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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I wish it was sooner.

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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