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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?

No

7 Please provide information to support your answer here

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I believe this to be a waste of time and energy at a time when there are much more important things to be considered. Our country is currently in a tinderbox situation and bills like this create further division and issues we don't need. The country has resource constraints around policing and public services. I do not believe entering areas to remove what is deemed to be offensive a good use of these resources. There will also be an assumption no matter how hard you try that one community will be impacted more than another. I am genuinely disappointed as a voter that you have spent so much time and energy on this as opposed to something that might make a real difference to our communities or our children's education.

Clause 2: Sensitive places

8 Do you agree with Clause 2 of the Bill?

No

9 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Again as my previous answer, please find something more important to spend your time and energy. I don't care about flags they do not impact me, I can drive past them and get on with my day. I can't drive past the continuing increase in my children's school dinners and the fact it takes me 12 hours to be seen in a&e. I do genuinely wonder how people continue to be elected and genuinely can't read the room or they just don't listen to their constituents. The country is in tatters, we don't care about 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

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A portal? How much money does this cost to build and maintain? Then you want public servants to deal with the enquiries? Public servants who can't currently work efficiently on the issues we have at hand today? Is there anything more important you could direct resources to eg planning backlog to get houses built, special education, requirements, court backlogs. I am aware these are all different budgets but there needs to be some self awareness of the actual issues facing our communities. Do not waste my tax money on building a portal about flags.

Clause 4: Code of Practice

12 Do you agree with Clause 4 of the Bill?

No

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What will the legal cost be of this code of practice? Consultation with HRC and the PSNI... The PSNI who currently can't police domestic abuse in Northern Ireland because of resources but you want them to police flags. Paula you are legitimately on another planet.

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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Again department resources should not be wasted on flapping pieces of fabric

Clause 6: Request for assistance from police

16 Do you agree with Clause 6 of the Bill?

No

17 Please provide information to support your answer here

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The police do not have time for this Paula. Please allow them to protect the people of Northern Ireland not chase flagpoles.

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

No

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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Clause 9: Short title

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

No

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Please stop. Consider that this is your legacy, what a waste of time.