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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:

Yes I would agree with it, if it's in a public place. However it's worded in such a way that there is no clear cut definition of the clause. As in yes the flags on lampposts are clearly causing intimidation the marking of territory and on a practical level lower the price of houses in the area. Thats clear to see. However it's not in the public interest to remove them as this will cause more intimidation and more flags will appear. This is an excuse used to not remove flags and therefore seems to contradict the clause itself.

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:

These areas are shared spaces. People should be able to go into these places be it a park, leisure centre or school drop off without feeling that they shouldn't be there. Without having to feel intimidated and weary. Without having to think about anything other than the purpose of there visit. Fundamentally there seems to be a need for respect for these areas and the public as a whole.

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:

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:

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

Accessible:

I would like to think that an individual/s that carry out acts of intimidation would be met with a strong deterrent to not behave in that manner. There are many ways/weapons people use to intimidate others. Using flags as a weapon to intimidate and threaten residents that are trying to just live should not have to suffer without consequence. Therefore a serious deterrent should be in place. Not a just a fine.

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:

If police assistance is required it should be used. In order to uphold and enforce the law.

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Yes

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Clause 8: Commencement

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

Unsure

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Clause 9: Short title

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

Unsure

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

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