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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:
N/A

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?

Unsure

7 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Surely the default position should be that flying a flag is rarely in the public interest so the default should be to take it down UNLESS it is for some reason NOT in the public interest to do so.

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 most difficult point to make here is that arterial routes are sensitive in the same way that parks medical centres and shopping centres are. I DON'T think flags should be flown habitually on arterial routes but this will be difficult point to win over the hard liners on.

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

10 Do you agree with Clause 3 of the Bill?

Unsure

11 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

There is a risk that this becomes a bureaucratic nonsense. Ordinary people should be able to complain safely about a flag without it then being subject to a committee decision.

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

Accessible:

Timeframes are FAR too long! How long has the assembly had the FICT report and had time to act. Enough faffing about - shorten the timeframe please.

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:

There should be an adequate deterrent to obstructing removal of flags - for too long bullies and criminals have been able to get their way because there was no bravery or deterrent to push back against them.

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:

Stress the PERMITS. Police involvement should NOT be the default.

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Unsure

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Clause 8: Commencement

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

No

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Timeframe is FAR too LONG. Be brave and act now instead of dragging it out.

Clause 9: Short title

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

Not Answered

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

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