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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:

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., 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:

I live on [REDACTED]
I absolutely love living here. Living here has meant feeling safe, positive and happy
That is because the overall atmosphere is about inclusivity, prosperity and thriving, together.
I have been teaching Piano and Music Theory for many years from my home. I have also been fortunate to work in public sector admin roles alongside this.
My rent is high because rates are high and it's a highly sought after area.
It's meant my business has continued to grow and I'll soon be in a position to (hopefully) go part time in my office work after so many years of 10+ hour working days.
But I have noticed a disturbing and quite frankly frightening trend.
More and more flags have been put up over the years and specifically over the last two years or so. I opened my bedroom curtains the other week to see a Union Jack flag directly in front of me, in the middle of [REDACTED] Is this what I pay my hard earned taxes and rates on?
I don't think so. At the mildest, this is uncouth and sets a horrible tone for my students (ranging from 6 - 87 yrs and from all backgrounds) At its worst, it's outright intimidation and actual bullying.
I beg you as our democratically elected representatives to take action in this.
We on the [REDACTED] and the wider community deserve so, so much better than this.
I'd like to point out that I'd be writing the exact same letter if it was a tricolour outside my bedroom window.
Alliance, thank you for taking action.

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:

No flags should be hanging in any sensitive place. Our public places are sacred, they are funded by us the public and they absolutely must be be from the scourge of flags.

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:

It's common sense that the people get to have a vote on the use of flags.

Do NOT think that flags don't impact people's daily lives. They do. For those of us who go about our daily lives, work hard and have to be confronted with these unauthorised, undemocratic flags it does grind you down. It's unfair.

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:

As soon as possible get this enacted 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:

We need to be able to remove these intimidatory flags.

For too long we have had to put up with the imposition of more and more of these flags with no recourse to stopping them.

When will it stop? Hopefully from now.

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:

Agreed.

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Yes

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Of course agree with interpretations to the bill.

We're all reasonable people here!

Clause 8: Commencement

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

Yes

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Couldn't come quick enough. Been dedd as dealing with this for years. Enough is enough.

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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