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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?

Yes

7 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

The flags in areas I have lived in do not represent my views or those of many of the people around me. They are imposed on communities sometimes by those who do not live in those streets or on those roads. They are territorial, divisive and brand whole communities as one identity instead of taking into account the subtleties of individual identities within communities and households.

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:

This type of behaviour is intimidatory, threatening and has remained for too long a silent hold on communities and important places for communities. It is a hate crime in many cases and should be treated as such

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:

Individuals and communities should be able to have their voices heard, instead of putting up with 'the culture' that others brand their community with

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:

This requires action for all of Northern Ireland's citizens and should not be lost or waylaid by political wranglings

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:

This clause removes the fear for the people who have had these emblems forced upon them - this supports free choice

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 we want a fairer, diverse and inclusive society then this matter will need to met with legal action and supported by authorities, to back up the previously voiceless until it becomes common practice not to brand whole areas with a single identity

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Yes

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

There needs to be nuance and clear explanation / interpretation of why this is necessary- so that cases can be dealt with fairly and appropriately

Clause 8: Commencement

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

Yes

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

The sooner the better - not my flags! Not my identity!

Clause 9: Short title

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

Yes

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

N/a