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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

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The objective is sound and implementation should be practical.

In considering whether it is in the public interest to remove an flag or emblem, the Department should also consider whether the person or organisation had given notice of its intention to display it.

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:

In public places everyone should feel comfortable - not intimidated or provoked.

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

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The public interest test should give some "credit" to organisations or individuals which / who made use of the voluntary prior notification procedure.

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

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The existing non-statutory code of practice seems to be ineffective so it should be backed by the law.

The Code of Practice should make it clear that those who erect flags and emblems should also remove them at their own expense.

If the Department has to remove a flag or emblem it should be entitled to recover the cost from the relevant organisation or individual.

Consideration should be given to requiring a financial deposit from those intending to display a flag or emblem. The Department would return the deposit when the flag or emblem was properly removed.

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

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It is important that the removal of flags and emblems can be enforced - with police protection, if necessary.

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:

It is important that the removal of a flag or emblem can be enforced - with police protection if necessary.

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Yes

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?

Yes

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

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These dates seem practical.

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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