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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:
Ann Ferguson

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.

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:

There is an ongoing issue about the safety of personnel removing flags/ emblems but surely without the power to remove the rest of the bill becomes pointless.

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:

There were Loyalist paramilitary flags erected outside the local Catholic Primary school- this is a form territorial intimidation. All of NI's children have a legal obligation to attend school therefore they should be able to do this in safety.

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:

There are paramilitary flags on my street that make me uncomfortable. I live in a seaside town that welcomes tourists- this is not welcoming but I don't know the current mechanism for asking for such emblems to be removed.

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?

Unsure

15 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

I don't know what Level 3 of the scale is.

Clause 6: Request for assistance from police

16 Do you agree with Clause 6 of the Bill?

Unsure

17 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

The officers of the PSNI are being put into a position of danger: there needs to be clear procedures in place backed by law to criminalise anyone who prevents the police carrying out this task.

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?

Yes

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

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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