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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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I do not believe flags or emblems should be on lamp posts in public areas. As an example the Ormeau Road is a main arterial road and is a diverse and mixed community. There should never be flags up all year round there. Flags are used to intimidate and mark territories and they make an area feel unsafe. It is not done in a decorative or celebratory way. And it makes the place look unsightly.

If flags are permitted to be flown from lamp posts for events such as the 12th. Then these should be removed promptly afterwards. On the Ormeau Road they are flown year round which I do not believe the majority of residents want.

Paramilitary flags should never be allowed anywhere. And should be removed as soon as identified regardless of any event. This is sadly not the case as these are often seen flying around the 12th.

Clause 2: Sensitive places

8 Do you agree with Clause 2 of the Bill?

Yes

9 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Flags should not be allowed near schools, shops, churches, libraries, new housing estates, community centres etc. This again, is done in an intimidatory manner and makes you feel unwelcome in those areas. They should be removed and not be allowed to remain up all year round.

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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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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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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If people are obstructing the removal of flags and this becomes aggressive or threatening then it should be more than a fine received.

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:

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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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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