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Submitted to Display of Flags and Emblems - Call for Evidence
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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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Time of year ie St Patrick's Day flags for 3 day prior and 3 days after total 7 days

12th July as above.

Especially in contentious areas.

Respect for all cultures.

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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Nobody should feel threatened in any area but especially when going about your daily business.

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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It lets all to have a day and informs when these matters are up for consideration.

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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Consultation and discussion with all members who are interested in keeping everyone safe and not frightened of being in certain areas is essential

Clause 5: Offence of obstructing the Department in removal of flag or emblem

14 Do you agree with Clause 5 of the Bill?

No

15 Please provide information to support your answer here

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As I don't know what the maximum fine is I can't comment.

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

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If the department needs backup it should be provided. Nobody should feel threatened when doing their job.

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

No

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

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It is not to be interpreted. In plain English Irish or Scots Irish. No flag or emblem should be the cause of upset to any neighbour.

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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The law moves at a snail's pace

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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Short and clear