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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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I live in on a street where there is never a flag flown (for either 'side') and this year, not only were the flags in full force at the roundabout near the bottom of our street, but also extended up 3 lampposts into our street. I have complained to DfI, PSNi and to local MLAs to have them removed immediately.

Flags are not welcome here. They do not represent the residents of this street and feel intimidatory and territorial.

People should not be allowed to put up flags, which are also eye sores, in any area they please. Action should be taken.

Clause 2: Sensitive places

8 Do you agree with Clause 2 of the Bill?

Yes

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This clause represents areas for ALL people. Flown flags feel intimidatory and territorial and may discourage people from using these facilities/services, under the belief that they are not welcome there.

Clause 3: Procedure for / notification of, or giving views on, flags or emblems

10 Do you agree with Clause 3 of the Bill?

Yes

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Flags, if they are absolutely necessary, should only be flown where they are welcomed

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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As soon as possible please

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

14 Do you agree with Clause 5 of the Bill?

Yes

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A £1000 min fine might discourage people from erecting flags

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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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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