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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?

No

7 Please provide information to support your answer here

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You are focused on flags, which are temporary, yet conveniently ignore murals and monuments to murderers and terrorists, which are both permanent and, in most cases, have no relevant planning permission. Why focus on a piece of cloth?

Clause 2: Sensitive places

8 Do you agree with Clause 2 of the Bill?

No

9 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

I drive along arterial routes and see murals and shrines to terrorists and murderers, at eye level. I don't notice flags flying high on posts or buildings. Again, you have got your priorities wrong. Possibly, you don't want to offend republican parties.

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

10 Do you agree with Clause 3 of the Bill?

No

11 Please provide information to support your answer here

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The parades commission is regularly bypassed or ignored, with no consequences for offenders. What makes you think this will be any different? You are creating additional work, which will require additional staff, with no benefit to people of NI.

In one paragraph, explain how this will be enforced. Are you going to pay for people to go out in the middle of the night to implement policy (again, additional cost to be incurred by rate payers)

Clause 4: Code of Practice

12 Do you agree with Clause 4 of the Bill?

No

13 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Cloud cuckoo land comes to mind.

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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If elected representatives openly attend the unveiling of a statue which did not have appropriate planning permission, then explain why citizens should be fined for obstructing removal of a piece of cloth. Can you also confirm if SF was fined for illegally erecting a billboard on main road into Newry?

Clause 6: Request for assistance from police

16 Do you agree with Clause 6 of the Bill?

No

17 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

More cost, when you ignore bigger problems

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

No

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

More waffle

Clause 8: Commencement

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

No

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

'Or as soon as practicable after this date....' is open-ended, giving you plenty of wriggle room

Clause 9: Short title

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

No

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Wow! A short title