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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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Flags and Emblems deface the environment, give visitors a negative impression of the neighbourhood and are frequently offensive.

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 and Emblems are frequently provocative and can be intimidating in certain circumstances, often deliberately.

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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Large flags are frequently attached to electricity poles causing a drag that can easily destabilise them when exposed to high winds, thus creating a Health and Safety hazard.

I used to have to design the foundations for flagpoles and the toppling forces resulting from drag are generally not appreciated by the public. Electricity Poles and street lamps are not designed for those forces

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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The Code of Practice should contain clauses addressing my answer to Clause 3

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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Attempting to obstruct removal need to be policed and penalties applied

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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No comment is necessary

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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Couldn't come soon enough

Clause 9: Short title

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

Unsure

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

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