

## Response ID ANON-6D8Q-5F4R-4

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:  
Joanne Cunningham

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 am content for my information, including details of my name and organisation, to be published in the survey results.

### 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

Accessible:

I am a property owner in [REDACTED] Union Jack flags have been erected without consultation, one of which is exactly at my bedroom window. The flags continue to fly in an area which is of mixed denomination. Personally, I feel intimidated and excluded as a person who believes that symbols of colonisation and oppression should not be displayed with pride in mixed public areas. It is very unsettling.

### Clause 2: Sensitive places

8 Do you agree with Clause 2 of the Bill?

Yes

9 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Public and communal spaces should be maintained so that people can gather without feeling intimidated or excluded by flags and emblems.

### 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

Accessible:

All parties involved should have a voice and an accessible way of expressing opinions and feelings on the issue of flags and emblems.

### 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

Accessible:

A code of practice is necessary, but must then be enforced in order to be meaningful.

#### 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

Accessible:

If democratic just decisions have then made to remove a flag or emblem have been made, the removal should not be obstructed and penalties should be applied to obstruction attempts.

#### 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:

PSNI assistance will be necessary to ensure enforcement.

#### Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Yes

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Essential for inclusivity.

#### Clause 8: Commencement

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

No

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

It should come into operation with immediate effect.

#### 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:

It needs to be in non-legal accessible language that explains exactly what it is.