

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?

Yes

7 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Huge union Hacs waving for months on end in mixed communities is unacceptable. Flags flown around the university area and Lisburn Rd etc are inappropriate. Bad for locals and tourism.

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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Under the GFA I don't see why one flag is constantly dominating community spaces in shared areas. It's inappropriate at this juncture and pretty tiresome for someone who has lived through the troubles to see that not a lot has changed on this front.

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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Don't see why the impetus should be put on individuals. Can we, as a society, not accept that flags - & particularly the dominance of the union flag - is intimidating and used as a means for one community to assert itself, or attempt to assert itself over the other. This clause means that the responsibility

for living in an 'equal' society is placed on those who had have to put up with this flag waving nonsense for all of their lives and without their consent.

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

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No idea why this would take so long. Bring it in and bring it in in a timely manner.

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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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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I can't see a scenario whereby the PSNI would get involved in flag removal. They are an impotent force when it comes to dealing with these issues or in fact if racist mobs feel that it is their culture and tradition to set people's houses on fire.

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Unsure

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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Why so long???

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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