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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 am a Protestant living in Donaghadee and have become increasingly depressed by the increase of flags(particularly paramilitary flags)in the centre of the town.

This year they have been put right up the pier! Why is there no control over the increase in flags year on year?

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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Again, I am a Protestant who feels ashamed at the level of sectarian bigotry that flags represent in areas where people feel threatened and afraid.

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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As a Protestant I am furious that ordinary folk like myself and my family have no rights when it comes to an unknown person putting flags up outside my house that in no way represent my politics nor views.

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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Yes, again as a Protestant my human rights are continually infringed by loyalist paramilitary groups flying flags outside my house.

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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We must give the PSNI absolute lawful rights to remove 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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The PSNI MUST be given the authority to remove flags from ALL areas that infringe people's human rights.

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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As soon as possible. The majority of good ordinary folk, Catholic and Protestant deserve to be heard. Let's stop this disgusting method of intimidation. As always the few hold the majority to ransom

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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