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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

Accessible:

I feel flags are intimidating and I found them displayed all over my town so upsetting. It is an eye sore. There were paramilitary flags at the gate of my school this year and the whole way up the street to our school from the beginning of June. It is a shared town, a shared community and this is not a representation of the majority of the town. I feel the loudest voices shout and the silent part of the community are helpless.

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:

Every lamp post in my town had a flag. Outside shops, schools and library. Not what I want to see. Fly it in your house but not imposed on a whole town where it isn't wanted

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:

Very important. People with balaclavas on erecting flags outside peoples homes and scaring them and intimidating them when they say they don't want them. People not wanting to share their view against them on social media because they are abused online and threatened when they share their view against opinion. There needs to be a safe place to voice concerns.

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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Themis needs addressed asap. We are going back in time. I don't want to have to explain to my 8 year old what the UDA is or I've because there is a flag outside his school.

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:

Police should be allowed 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

Accessible:

We need police support. These are masked men scaring residents. People are scared for their safety because of bullies

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?

Unsure

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

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This needs to be asap!

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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