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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 on lampposts and other public spaces have been a constant sight all my life. They do not make me feel patriotic, they make me feel intimidated. Although this is my opinion, I believe this to be in the public interest as our communities diversify. They feel like an emblem from the past and are intended to mark out an area as one side or the other. Surely we have to move past this?

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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if we want to encourage diversification in our communities and end our still very segregated society, removing territorial emblems would be a good starting point.

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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I would prefer flags not be displayed on our streets at all. But if there is a good faith space where objections could be lodged, I will take it.

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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18 month wait. - if I have understood correctly is ridiculous.

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 have little faith that the PSNI would involve themselves. They seem to show a reluctance to annoy certain groups.

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Not Answered

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

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I think this is a really good piece of legislation and long overdue. I understand that the process is long and am grateful that it is being addressed.

Clause 9: Short title

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

Not Answered

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

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