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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?

Unsure

7 Please provide information to support your answer here

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I agree but the vagueness of 'in the public interest' is worrying, depending on who makes that decision. If it a 'uionist'. Majority council decision, like the decision to fly the union jack in holywood every day of the year is not fair to everyone. There should be parity of esteem . While many people say it is part of the UK, that decision to make it part of the UK was taken at a time where the nationalist majority did not have a fair say in those decisions. We still see the impact of those decisions today.

Fly your country flags on specified days for UK at your government buildings, and consider doing the same for the tricolour on national Irish holidays, like St Patrick's day. It's called equality.

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 it's on public land and property they should always be removed. Temporarily out them up for the matches on their way through and remove them immediately afterwards. Flags have no place in residential areas. They are only deployed to intimidate and mark ownership.

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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Ther should be an easy an accessible way of reporting flags. But more importantly will any action be taken . Police, councils and other departments have been reluctant in the past to go into areas and remove them. Look at ways to make it less accessible for them to be erected. What about AI glasses featuring superimposed flags for the unionists and another version for nationalists. See you town or city as you wish without imposing your views on everyone

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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Code of practices is only useful if it's fair and enforced. But it is good to address the subject. If we really need flags (I, and a lot of sensible people don't) it needs to be controlled and policed like everything else in society. The views of one person should not be imposed on others. The blatant use of flags to intimate is not acceptable. Where are they getting the money and facilities to erect these flags. Can communities be communally fined or have sanctions if they don't follow the rules. There needs to be consequences. People who erect flags and other emblems are generally not hard working tax payers and I as a hard working tax payer hate that funds are diverted to such issues.

Clause 5: Offence of obstructing the Department in removal of flag or emblem

14 Do you agree with Clause 5 of the Bill?

No

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Preventing removal of flags is just another form of intimidation and workers and unions will refuse to go in and remove flags, if those trying to prevent it are given a fine. I'm aware we don't want prisons facing an onslaught of prisoners on the issue, but there must be useful deterrents. Also deterrents for companies who allow equipment to be used to erect them in the first place. Conditions on hire contracts for cherry pickers etc. substantial fines for other companies etc

Clause 6: Request for assistance from police

16 Do you agree with Clause 6 of the Bill?

Yes

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Not only should they be able to request the assistance but it should be the default if they feel there will be issues. Given the modern technical age, there should be ways to detect and remove flags with minimal risk to those removing them. Using drones etc. specialist equipment etc. actually sit down and brainstorm the issue.

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Unsure

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Not clear what those interpretations are.

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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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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Does it really matter what it's called. The content and actions are important