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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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Who decides what is "in the public interest"?

Also, as Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom, Union Flags, flags displaying support for His Majesty's Armed Forces and the de-facto flag of Northern Ireland (the Ulster Banner) should, naturally, not face any restrictions on their display- except where a danger may be caused e.g. obscuring views for drivers etc.,

Clause 2: Sensitive places

8 Do you agree with Clause 2 of the Bill?

No

9 Please provide information to support your answer here

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As per my previous answer, no restrictions should be enforced in the United Kingdom on United Kingdom and United Kingdom-adjacent flags. With specific reference to this clause, most, if not all "sensitive places" are funded by either Westminster or the local authorities- in either case they are funded by UK taxpayers, making the proposal to remove UK flags from those areas even more illogical

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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The flying of non-UK flags, e.g. the flag of the republic of Ireland creates unnecessary tension and division, as well as raising the potential of confusion for tourists and visitors. I welcome any convenience to the UK population being able to report such flags.

Clause 4: Code of Practice

12 Do you agree with Clause 4 of the Bill?

Unsure

13 Please provide information to support your answer here

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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:

My support for this clause is based on it being applied equally.

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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Again, my support is conditional on this clause being applied equally.

Of course, calling the police in any part of the UK to support authorities in the UK to remove the flag of the UK is so preposterous as to be laughable.

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

No

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Interpretations of the Law should only be allowed in the most extreme of circumstances.

Indeed, Laws should be written in such a way as to remove ambiguity- that said, I realise this proposed bill has been produced by the Alliance Party and we've all seen their record in local government.

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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