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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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Respecting each others traditions is enshrined in the Good Friday Agreement. The Flags for the 12th July fortnight should be just that time period. To see the flags turn into tatters in late summer is disrespectful to their own flags. No Israeli flags or flags belonging to unsubscribed organisations should be allowed along the Lisburn Road or other districts.

On a side note, the amount of rubbish and people urinating in the side streets as the parade passes is disgusting. We live and work in the area and the effect on residents and businesses cannot be sustained.

If flags are to be allowed at all, rightfully that the Irish tricolour is permitted for the 2-3 days for St.Patricks day.

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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The Lisburn Road is now a rich, mixed community made of up of many nationalities, The flying of flags and emblems would be best limited for short periods of time or not at all.

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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Should be handled in the same manner as parades in that an application and notice has to be provided to council and police .

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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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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Yes, fully agree that the police should be acting in an impartial manner that supports Government departments and councils

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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Clauses 1-6 lay out the ground rules

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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Can't happen soon enough. The effect on residents and businesses (rate payers) is having a negative impact

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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