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Submitted to Display of Flags and Emblems - Call for Evidence
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Introduction

1 Confirmation of having read the Northern Ireland Assembly Committee's Privacy Notice.

I confirm that I have read the privacy notice.

2 What is your name?

Name:

[REDACTED]

3 What is your email address?

Email:

[REDACTED]

4 If you are providing a submission on behalf of an organisation or business, please state its name.

Organisation:

5 The Committee for Infrastructure has agreed to publish all responses as part of the survey results. If you would like to have your survey results anonymised and for us not to publish your name or organisation, please indicate so here.

I would like my views to be anonymous and understand that my name and organisation details will be withheld, along with any identifiers in the response, but my views will still be published.

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 pay no allegiance whatsoever to the English flag since I am Irish and live in Ireland. I have no wish to see such flags draped from lampposts or other public furniture and particularly object to their display in the area where I live. They are aggressive especially around 12 July and distinctly downmarket - to say the least. Personally I have more respect for the flag of my country (The Irish Tricolour) than to throw it around in such a distinctly undignified fashion.

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:

As a taxpayer I am making payment for all public services and all public servants including public representatives. I resent and object to the display of items relevant to one section of the population in the aggressive manner we have been subjected to all these years.

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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For reasons already stated I find such displays distasteful at best and aggravating at worst. I agree there should be a way of notifying the Department when necessary. We know we are among the most excessively and expensively administered regions in the world (for various objectionable reasons). Administration of the also objectionable displays referred to might at least be useful since some people who live here are still incapable of treating others with basic respect and apparently need such micromanagement. Regarding identity, mine is not in doubt and I thankfully have no need to take the "ram it down other people's throat" approach. Could we please finally outlaw also the disgraceful practice of "bonefires" since these are at least as appalling and disregarding of others and our environment. There is little point in trying to "sell" ourselves as any kind of a destination for anything which such neanderthal practices exist. (Although it is true that I am probably not being fair to the Neanderthals)

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

Accessible:

There is no point in introducing legislation if it is not going to be properly implemented. It would merely be yet another waste of taxpayers' money

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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My main concern is that the penalty is light and for some elements within our society would be disregarded. There are also those who would stop at nothing to obstruct such removals - but one would hope that other aspects of the law would hopefully be brought to bear in such circumstances.

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:

Of course! We know the kind of people we are dealing with!

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Yes

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

I am not familiar with the detail but because generally it is necessary and also because there are those who would argue with their shadow here (the whatever it is we're against it approach) of necessity terms within the legislation should where relevant be defined.

Clause 8: Commencement

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

Yes

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

I do not see why, over 100 years later, any of it should be delayed.

Clause 9: Short title

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

Yes

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

A long title is hardly necessary. Substance is what's necessary.