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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:

As a resident of [REDACTED] the streets around have a variety of flags that are no representative of the majority of residents. The flags are put up as territorial markets. As a rates payer this is not something I want too see. I find them intimidating and so do a lot of residents who are from various religious & ethnic backgrounds. We don't want too see any flags on lamposts or any street furniture as we want this too be a place for all and flags should be taken down immediately and the practice properly policied with a zero tolerance policy.

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:

Flags on any street furniture is by definition in 'a sensitive place'. There should be no flags anywhere, on any street furniture anywhere.

Clause 3: Procedure for / notification of, or giving views on, flags or emblems

10 Do you agree with Clause 3 of the Bill?

Unsure

11 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

If the above is indicating that there should be a consideration for flags in certain areas I don't agree. Flags on street furniture should be a thing of the past. There should be a dedicated online page too report the erection of flags so they can be taken down.

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:

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

14 Do you agree with Clause 5 of the Bill?

No

15 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Anyone obstructing the removal of flags or emblems should face a harsher punishment than a fine. There needs to be an incentive to stop this practice, I feel a fine amount a something certain people will not be deterred by

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:

The police need to have full control over the general peace keeping and public interest. They need to be responsible for helping to remove flags and support those that do. This will reinforce the right message that police are working for all members of the community

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 sure what this section means

Clause 8: Commencement

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

No

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

The removal of flags should start ASAP seems like a long time to wait until 2028

Clause 9: Short title

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

Unsure

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible: