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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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I think that having flags and emblems on public roads or near schools creates an environment of intimidation, everyone should be able to go about and live without fear of a neighbourhood because of the flags hanging from every lamppost in and around the area.

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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It goes without saying that flags around children's playgrounds, schools and shared spaces such as libraries and leisure centres should be removed, communities should not live in fear of walking into these places. They are meant to be for everyone.

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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Being able to have a say in where these flags are put up in your area is a very good idea, i do feel like any information provided by the general public should be anonymous as to limit any retaliation directed at people who disagreed with the flags being put up in their area

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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Having a code of practice would be very important in insuring the guidance on where and when flags and emblems can be displayed.

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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I think a fine would be the least that could be issued, The penalties for such an offence should be harsh as to protect the people going about their job of these flags need to be removed. Suspended sentences, fines, withdrawal of community funding for groups who refuse to comply should also be considered.

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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Any obstruction of the removal of flags and emblems from public spaces should definitely have the support of the psni.

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Yes

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Yes

Clause 8: Commencement

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

Not Answered

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Yes

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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Yes