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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 do not want flags displayed in the street, or on public furniture at anytime, or on houses at all. I think it is highly inappropriate and intimidating and only a want of a very minor number of people in the community. They never stick to the regulations and so why should they be allowed access to put up flags and emblems. It keeps us divided as a community and is also an eyesore.

I also want street curbs to be included, and maybe displays on vehicles also.

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:

Again as I have previously said, it further divides communities which is not what we want. And also it is it intimidating and only wanted by a small minority of the community. I want to live in a northern Ireland where I do have to be around any blatant representation of either "side", which is used to intimidate or boast against another side. Just keeping us all further in the past.

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:

This is an extremely poorly worded clause and will make people carrying out this consultation confused unnecessarily.

I don't really want to even have to option to report flags or emblems, I just don't want them there or displayed in the first place. This process would take probably months for any action to happen.

Clause 4: Code of Practice

12 Do you agree with Clause 4 of the Bill?

No

13 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

This is far too lengthy and slow a process to just get rid of all flags and or emblems as I'm sure most of the public agree. I don't think it needs an 18month process for all of this information to help acquired and placed into a bill and then an act.

Also again, this consultation and inclusive clauses are far too complicated for the general public to properly interpret which is unfair if carrying out a consultation.

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:

Yes BUT, I don't think it should solely be a fine, as potentially the certain members of the community may not ever pay the fine, due to financial constraints. And I also believe that community service would be a better idea to try and make one side of the community better understand the other side of the community, hence lessening the division. But I'm not against a fine completely, and maybe the money could be directly spent on joint projects for the community as a whole. It should be a fine plus community service. And maybe an educational course like the speed awareness course.

Clause 6: Request for assistance from police

16 Do you agree with Clause 6 of the Bill?

Unsure

17 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

I don't think police services should be being used to just deal with flags when there are greater issues in the community, but maybe the MLAs or councillors should be helping in the situation so they can properly service their constituencies. If you can find a way to get more budget for the PSNI rather than taking away from the current budget, then maybe, what about properly enforcing rules around bonfires, like not burning tyres (which I see every year) and taking away from the orange order budget aka for orangefest.

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Yes

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Yes this is a very simple clause and it's just for understanding the terminology. No concerns.

Clause 8: Commencement

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

Unsure

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

This is outrageously slow. How can it take this long. This should've been done years ago, I would like it expedited.

But I would it to exist in some way, so would be willing to wait, but I think this is a ridiculously long timescale.

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:

Yes, no problems.