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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?

No

7 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

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Clause 2: Sensitive places

8 Do you agree with Clause 2 of the Bill?

No

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

10 Do you agree with Clause 3 of the Bill?

No

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Our public money would be better spent elsewhere. I have no doubt the system would be expensive to implement and maintain. And I can foresee flags being put back up in retaliation. I can see fake submissions to waste time and money.

Clause 4: Code of Practice

12 Do you agree with Clause 4 of the Bill?

No

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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?

No

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Clause 6: Request for assistance from police

16 Do you agree with Clause 6 of the Bill?

No

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Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

No

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People interpret things in many different ways. A narrow minded and restricted list of "interpretations" just feels like punishment to the public for expressing their nationality and pride in their country.

Clause 8: Commencement

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

No

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Do not punish the working class public of Northern Ireland. It will fuel anger, resentment towards the government for trying to control us, restrict freedom of expression and force/direct their own narratives.

Clause 9: Short title

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

Unsure

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

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This section does not make sense.