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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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There should be no flags allowed in any public space other than those on official buildings eg city hall

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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Flags which are associated with either side of the community can and often are intimidating to people living in, working in, or travelling through the area in which they are displayed, they should be removed

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

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A portal to report flags makes sense if anonymous. The portal being used for requesting erection is less clear. It depends what arguments are allowed to be put forward for the erection of flags. There will always be arguments put forward for their erection and it could be very difficult to assess. A blanket ban would be better

Clause 4: Code of Practice

12 Do you agree with Clause 4 of the Bill?

Unsure

13 Please provide information to support your answer here

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It would be best if the bill was in effect by summer 2027

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

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Given the intimidation of people who have tried to remove or have requested removal of flags in the past, the penalty needs to be more severe.

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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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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Clause 8: Commencement

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

Unsure

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Sooner would be better if possible

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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