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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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As an English woman that has lived in Belfast for 20 years I would love to see restrictions on flags being put up in residential areas. I believe, if flags must be displayed, they should only be put up for several days during celebratory periods and then removed after a week maximum. Any flags showing paramilitary emblems or ones that threaten or intimidate members of the local community should be removed instantly.

Clause 2: Sensitive places

8 Do you agree with Clause 2 of the Bill?

Yes

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I would feel intimidated to use public amenities where flags of either side were flown. I don't think there is any need for flags to be displayed in these shared spaces other than to intimidate and/or mark territory.

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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Totally agree with this clause as I believe many flags are erected by a small group who often don't live in the area where the flag is flown. Hearing the voices of the many in the local community who may be against the flying of the flag may give the dept a clearer picture of the situation.

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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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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The penalty for obstructing the dept from removing flags or emblems should be more severe than a small fine. I don't believe this lenient penalty will deter offenders.

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?

Yes

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

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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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