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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:
Christopher Alexander

3 What is your email address?

Email:

4 If you are providing a submission on behalf of an organisation or business, please state its name.

Organisation:
No

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 am content for my information, including details of my name and organisation, to be published in the survey results.

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:

People in Northern Ireland have a right to take pride in their country which ever side of the fence they sit. We have rich histories that should be celebrated not demonised and vilified. A lot of people take pride in their communities as well and it's through these communities and the relationships that we grow and develop.

Clause 2: Sensitive places

8 Do you agree with Clause 2 of the Bill?

No

9 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

What is a sensitive place? Who gets to define those borders? What protections are given for the complete erosion of these borders in the future. I live in the UK not North Korea.

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

10 Do you agree with Clause 3 of the Bill?

No

11 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

This smells like 1930s Germany and state control. Complete government over reach here.

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:

Again complete government censorship and over reach mirroring 1930s Germany where people were encouraged to report on their neighbours for being Jews.

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

Accessible:

This smells like a money making scheme made in Germany. Politicians should be working together to bring communities together while allowing communities to take pride in their areas. Absolute joke.

Clause 6: Request for assistance from police

16 Do you agree with Clause 6 of the Bill?

No

17 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

PSNI barely have time to deal with criminal issues and already over stretched with minor issues like Facebook posts and hate speech. Domestic and criminal issues have suffered as a result and it's a waste of PSNI time. Who are paid to deal with serious crimes. The government clearly wants them to act as SS henchmen.

Clause 7: Interpretation

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

No

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

Erosion and over reach.

Clause 8: Commencement

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

No

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible:

It should not be allowed to enter at all. We live in a democratic society not North Korea or 1930s Germany.

Clause 9: Short title

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

No

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

Accessible: