



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** EIR-2017-03300

**Keyword:** Operational Policing

**Subject:** Casement Park

### Request and Answer:

This is an information request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, pertaining to participation by the PSNI on the Department for Communities' Safety Technical Group (STG) deliberations on the proposed redevelopment of Casement Park.

The information I am seeking is as follows:

#### Request 1

The minutes of meetings of the Safety Technical Group in the period since October 2016.

#### Request 2

Opinions expressed and/or comments made by the PSNI, via written note, email, etc., on:

- The GAA's plans for the redevelopment of Casement Park which were issued in October 2016, including communications to and from other emergency services (NIAS and NIFRS) and the Department for Communities' Safety Technical Group.
- Minutes of meetings of the Safety Technical Group in the period since October 2016.
- The report made by the Movement Consultant (AECOM) appointed by the Department for Communities, including any interim or progress reports, the Final report dated 16 August 2017 and the amended version dated 20 September 2017 and the presentation to the STG meeting dated 29 August 2017 (those dates are taken from the Revision History at page 2 of the attached AECOM report).

#### Answers

I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates to. PSNI considers that your request falls within the scope of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ('EIR's') as the information you have requested relates to 'environmental information' as defined by those Regulations. PSNI is providing you with some of the information falling within the scope of your request but considers that much of the information to be exempt under the 'exceptions' set out in EIR's'. The information which can be disclosed is attached to this response, subject to the appropriate redactions were necessary.

In addition please find the link provided below to the PSNI – Disclosure Logs – which will provide information relevant to your request and is already in the public domain regarding Casement Park.

<https://www.psnl.police.uk/globalassets/advice--information/our-publications/disclosure-logs/2017/organisational-information/07032018/casement-park-stg-minutes.pdf>

Whilst we have set out our rationale as to why these exceptions apply below a full copy of the EIRs can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2004/3391/contents/made>

The EIRs provide the public with access to environmental information held by public authorities including PSNI. They also contain 'exceptions' that allow PSNI to refuse to provide requested information. Some of the exceptions relate to categories of information, for example, unfinished documents, internal communications and personal data. Others are based on the harm that would arise from disclosure. Under the Regulations, most exceptions are subject to the public interest test and require PSNI to balance the public interest arguments for disclosing the information against those for upholding the exception. Under Regulation 14 (1) of the EIRs PSNI must explain to you why it considers an exception applies.

In reviewing the material in relation to your questions under the Code of Practice issued under Regulation 16 of the EIRs PSNI consulted with the Department for Communities (previously known as Department of Culture Arts and Leisure 'DCAL'). As you will be aware their Department are the public body with primary responsibility for the Casement Park redevelopment project.

PSNI took into the account the views provided by Department for Communities in considering this response and considered that exceptions within the EIRs applied to some of the requested information and provided PSNI with their views as to why these exceptions were engaged under EIR and why the public interest favoured withholding the requested information.

In this case PSNI on consideration of the views put forward by Department for Communities , we consider that as this information / correspondence relates to papers containing information in the course of completion as well as internal communications that the following exceptions apply:

Regulation 12(4) For the purposes of paragraph (1) (a) a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that –

(d) the request relates to material which is still in the course of completion, to unfinished documents or to incomplete data

(e) the request involves the disclosure of internal communications.

12(5)(a) - To protect public safety

12(4) (d) (e) and 12 (5) (a) and all are subject to the public interest test.

12 (3) – To the extent that the information requested includes personal data of which the applicant **is not the data subject** , the personal data shall not be disclosed otherwise than in accordance with Regulation 13

Regulation 12(3) To the extent that the information requested includes personal data of which the applicant is not the data subject, the personal data shall not be disclosed otherwise than in accordance with regulation 13. This exception is not subject to public interest test and refers to the redactions applied to the documents attached. PSNI considers the information redacted under this

exception is personal data which identifies individuals who would not have a reasonable expectation that their personal information would be released into the public domain. It is therefore likely to be 'unfair' under the first data protection principle to release this information and therefore would be a breach of the Data Protection Act.

The names contained within the correspondence have redacted under Regulation 12 (3) – personal data for the reasons as outlined below.

The public interest factors the PSNI took into account in regard to these exceptions were as follows:

Factors favouring disclosure under Regulation 12(4)(d)

The PSNI is aware that there is a current public debate into the development of the Casement Park project. Release of the requested information could lead to a better informed public and would show transparency and accountability on the part of the PSNI and their role within the redevelopment of Casement Park.

Factors favouring non-disclosure under Regulation 12(4)(d)

At this stage there is correspondence contained which is still in 'draft' format and therefore constitutes 'material in the course of completion'. This information is still being considered and part of the ongoing work and engagement of PSNI with Department for Communities. There is also a public interest in maintaining a safe space at this stage to ensure the integrity of the decision making process around Casement Park is protected to ensure those bodies who contribute to its development can speak freely and frankly and engage with one another as a part of the process of deliberation at this time.

Factors favouring disclosure under Regulation 12(4)(e)

Like the exception above, PSNI is aware there is a current public debate into the development of the Casement Park project. Release of the requested information could lead to a better informed public and would show the transparency and accountability on the part of the PSNI and their role within the redevelopment of Casement Park.

Factors favouring non-disclosure under Regulation 12(4)(e)

All of the correspondence relates to a live and ongoing project and thus constitutes 'material in the course of completion'. Authorities need to be able to discuss the merits of proposals and the implications of decisions internally and be given a safe space to consider all of the options fully and frankly. It allows authorities to have a space to consider decisions and weigh up best options. This exception protects internal decision-making processes rather than protecting unfinished work and it applies to completed documents within the correspondence.

Factors favouring disclosure under Regulation 12(5)(a)

The PSNI is aware that there is a current public debate into the development of the Casement Park project. Release of the requested information could lead to a better informed public and would show transparency and accountability on the part of the PSNI and their role within the redevelopment of Casement Park.

Factors favouring non-disclosure under Regulation 12(5)(a)

There is a strong public interest in safeguarding detailed proposed security measures which contribute to, the protection of the public. Disclosure of this information would provide anyone seeking to breach the security measures with the knowledge of what those measures are and how they may be circumvented. There is no public interest in providing information that would facilitate or even simplify such an attack. The disclosure of information which may provide a clue to a defensive measure, even where that measure is not specifically identified, has the potential to cause the effects outlined above if it were to be aggregated with other additional and related information. Material that relates to public safety could put at risk infrastructure and agencies engaged in ensuring the public are kept safe.

## Decision

Whilst there is a public interest in the redevelopment of Casement Park, and a public interest in good decision-making by public bodies including ensuring the best use of public and environmental resources, PSNI considers that the weight of public interest and the timing of this request favours withholding the information you have requested. It is acknowledged by PSNI that as discussions progress and events and deliberations move forward, the need to protect is not as strong and this information if requested at a future date may no longer be exempt.

Therefore in conclusion I have considered the public interest at the time of your request in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information for the reasons outlined above. The information which can be disclosed is at the end of this correspondence and is subject to the appropriate redactions were necessary as outlined above.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 01 February 2018 12:03  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** OFFICIAL [PSNI ONLY]: FW: RE: Casement  
**Attachments:** Exercise Ziggurat Strait report and conclusions.doc

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[REDACTED]

In addition can you ask that Supt. [REDACTED] does not reply to this report without consulting myself, C/Insp. [REDACTED] or Const. [REDACTED] and in any effect before we complete the report to the planning service.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
*Chief Inspector*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
*Ext* [REDACTED]  
*Mobile* [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 01 February 2018 11:35  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** OFFICIAL [PSNI ONLY]: RE: Casement

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[REDACTED]

In short, this is the local residents that have issues with the development and regularly send in these documents.

I get a copy as do all the statutory agencies.

You can advise the ACC I have dealt with the issues within the STG and the recent exercise. (Draft report attached).

I am meeting the Dfi and [REDACTED] next week to consider some of these issues as well.

I will be submitted a report for the PSNI to submit to the planning service shortly after this meeting.

Happy to discuss with the boss as required.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
*Chief Inspector*  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
*Ext 3* [REDACTED]

Mobile [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 01 February 2018 10:59

**To:** [REDACTED] (Chief Inspector)

**Subject:** OFFICIAL [PSNI ONLY]: Casement

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Sir

To see attached. Have you seen this yet? Would need factored into our deliberations

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 November 2017 15:50  
**To:** [REDACTED] (DfC)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (Chief Inspector)  
**Subject:** OFFICIAL [PARTNERS]: Casement Park  
**Attachments:** 295b-2017 10k Casement Park B W.pdf; 295a-2017 10k Casement Park.pdf; VMS Plan.pdf

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[REDACTED]

Please find attached draft maps and VMS plan for Casement Park TM. These maps show the proposed points of closure for normal and emergency egress and the routes for emergency vehicles and should not be disclosed outside the STG.

Can these be formatted for overheads during tomorrow's meeting?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] (Chief Inspector)  
**Sent:** 21 December 2017 15:31  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** OFFICIAL [PSNI ONLY]; RE: FW: FW: RE: RE: RE: Casement Park Evacuation Plan

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[REDACTED]

No problem, thank you

[REDACTED]  
*Chief Inspector*

[REDACTED] t

[REDACTED]  
*Ext 3*

[REDACTED]  
*Mobile*

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 December 2017 12:09  
**To:** [REDACTED] (Chief Inspector)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** OFFICIAL [PSNI ONLY]; FW: FW: RE: RE: RE: Casement Park Evacuation Plan

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[REDACTED],

I have asked [REDACTED] for some feedback regarding funding and requirement – I will keep you updated as appropriate.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] (Chief Inspector)  
**Sent:** 08 December 2017 13:55  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** OFFICIAL [PSNI ONLY]; FW: RE: RE: RE: Casement Park Evacuation Plan

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[REDACTED]

Please see attached email from [REDACTED]

This product cannot be supplied by anyone else so written quotes will be impossible to supply.

The idea of these nets are for use at any Public Safety event across NI so I would be asking for central funding rather than out of a local Area Budget.



[REDACTED]

I'm off on leave next week but happy to discuss in detail when I get back.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 December 2017 10:06  
**To:** E [REDACTED] (Chief Inspector)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** OFFICIAL [PSNI ONLY]: RE: RE: RE: Casement Park Evacuation Plan

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[REDACTED]

Please give me a call to discuss – ext [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** TODD Alan  
**Sent:** 01 December 2017 15:02  
**To:** [REDACTED] (Chief Inspector); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** OFFICIAL [PSNI ONLY]: RE: Casement Park Evacuation Plan

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[REDACTED]

Yes to the principle.

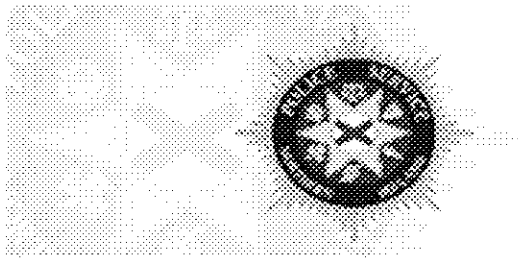
[REDACTED]

Can you discuss with [REDACTED] procurement options, and with [REDACTED] an appropriate budget line?

Thanks.

[REDACTED]

Alan Todd  
Assistant Chief Constable – District Policing  
Police Service of Northern Ireland  
65 Knock Road  
Belfast BT5 6LE



**From:** [REDACTED] (Chief Inspector)  
**Sent:** 01 December 2017 10:18  
**To:** TODD Alan  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** OFFICIAL [PSNI ONLY]: Casement Park Evacuation Plan

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Sir,

[REDACTED]

P [REDACTED]  
t [REDACTED]

l [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

For your consideration and approval to purchase this resource.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
*Chief Inspector*

[REDACTED]

*Ext* [REDACTED]  
*Mobile* [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 30 November 2017 14:02  
**To:** [REDACTED] (Chief Inspector)  
**Subject:** OFFICIAL [PSNI ONLY]: RE: RE: FW: OFFICIAL [PARTNERS]: Casement Park

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Chief,

[REDACTED]

**From:**

**Sent:**

14 December 2017 14:04

**To:**

[Redacted] (Chief Inspector); [Redacted] [Redacted]

**Subject:**

STG: Tuesday 19th December 2017: Agenda & Papers

**Attachments:**

STG Agenda Meeting No 27 19 Dec 2017 FINAL.DOCX; STG Evaluation report - Dublin Educational Visit- October 2017.DOCX; [Redacted] (final).DOCX; STG General Business Minutes- 21 November 2017 (final).DOCX; STG Casement Park Workshop- 21 November 2017 (final).DOCX; STG Casement Park Minutes 21st November 2017 (final).DOCX; final\_v2\_imc2018-2024fifa\_15-02163\_101\_en\_en\_neutral.pdf; 2018-20 Match Calendar - UEFA.PDF

Dear All

Please see attached Agenda & Papers for next week's STG.

Best Regards

[Redacted]

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Title: STG Agenda Meeting No. 27 19 Dec 2017 FINAL

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Title: STG Evaluation report - Dublin Educational Visit- October 2017

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Title:STG General Business Minutes- 21 November 2017 (final)

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Title:STG Casement Park Workshop- 21 November 2017 (final)

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Title:STG Casement Park Minutes 21st November 2017 (final)

REGIONAL STADIA PROGRAMME - SAFETY TECHNICAL GROUP (STG) MEETING

Tuesday 19 December 2017, Causeway Exchange

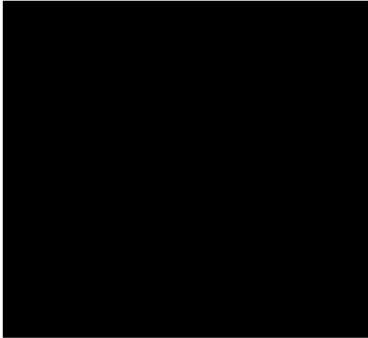

Please note the venue location is Causeway Exchange

9.30am Tea and Coffee

	Agenda Item	Box location reference
<b>General Business</b>		
<b>Meeting 10.00am-10.30am</b>		
1.	Reflection paper on Dublin Educational Visit	General Business Meeting No.19-19.12.2017
2.	AOB	
<b>Casement Park</b>		
<b>Workshop 10.30am – 11.30am</b>		
3	Multi Agency Response Plan Update	
4.	Further Environmental Information	
<b>Meeting 11.30am- 12.00 noon</b>		
5.	Agree Minutes 21 November 2017	Casement Meeting No. 26 – 21.11.2017
6.	Review actions 21 November 2017	Casement Meeting No. 26 – 21.11.2017
7.	GAA programme update	
8.	External Information requests	
9	AOB	
<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b>		<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>

*STG Meeting Close - Lunch*

**Evaluation of STG Educational Visit to Dublin  
24<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

<b>Delegation</b>		<b>Croke Park &amp; Aviva</b>	
	(Chair)		GAA
	(NIAS)		GAA
	(PSNI)		GAA
	(PSNI)		GAA
	(PSNI)		Garda
	(PSNI)		Garda
	(PSNI)		Aviva
	(UCGAA)		Aviva
	(Secretariat)		Garda
			Garda

- 1.1 The GAA facilitated a very productive educational visit for the STG to Croke Park and the Aviva stadium on 24 October 2017. The group received an excellent programme of speakers, presentations and hospitality on the day.
- 1.2 STG members who attended the educational visit to Dublin stadia included the Chair, Secretariat, SGSA, NIAS and four members of the PSNI.
- 1.3 In the morning, the group visited Croke Park. This is the third largest stadium in Europe with a capacity of 82,300. It can accommodate all types of events including field sports, concerts, meetings and tradeshow. It is located in a mainly residential area on the north side of Dublin, quite similar in character to the location of Casement Park. Annual match day attendances are approximately 1.15m with annual concert attendance of 164,500.
- 1.4 In the afternoon the STG group visited the Aviva stadium, home to the Irish Rugby team and the Republic of Ireland national football team. The stadium has a capacity of 51,700 and in addition to hosting sporting events is an important concert and conference venue, of particular note in this modern full redeveloped stadium is similar to Casement in the fact that it is located within a residential area and was designed by the same architect using SGSA guidance.
- 1.5 The following general observations were made by STG at both Stadia:-
  - (a) Collaborative Working. The STG recognised the strong collaborative approach between the relevant bodies in event planning and safety management. The value of partnership working between the Sporting Bodies, Gardai, Dublin City Council and the community was noted. The

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STG also noted that a regionally significant perspective was taken on events held at the respective stadia, and reflected on this positively.

(b)Community Focus. The STG noted the valuable contribution which effective community consultation and engagement had played in enabling the redevelopment of the stadia and continued to play in facilitating its operation. This included initiatives such as the Stadium Project Monitoring Committee including local community representatives and councillors which meets four times a year. In addition the stadia have a Community Fund Scheme which provides an annual index linked match funding of €100,000 to support deserving projects in the areas surrounding both stadiums.

(c)Match Day Management Arrangements. At the Aviva, It was noted that key roads around the stadium are closed for up to four hours. This spans in advance of, during and up to an hour after fixtures and concerts.

(d) The use of Stewards at the Aviva and their responsibilities with particular reference to outside the stadium in the surrounding streets with Garda support was described, the use of an outer cordon to provide a soft ticketing check, impose traffic restrictions, and assist local residence assess as required.

- 1.6 Important contacts have been established and offers of further information, advice and sharing of relevant documents from officials at Croke Park, Aviva and senior Gardaí.
- 1.7 It was noted that the Republic of Ireland (ROI) does not have a formal certification process for stadia however they rely heavily on the SGSA Safety at Sports Ground guidance as best international practice.
- 1.8 There is input by Gardaí into transport and traffic management from the start of the spectator journey (which is often some distance from the stadium) to an event and a recognition that public transport is paramount in the absence of dedicated car parking at either stadium.
- 1.9 The approach to event management training for Garda was noted, with specific sports safety training for Gardaí personnel established at all ranks.
- 1.10 A budget exists in the Republic for policing at sports grounds. In NI policing of sporting venues comes from the normal budget for policing.

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- 1.11 PSNI noted that the relationship between Garda and the Stadium Safety officer was one that should be emulated across all stadia.
- 1.12 Gardaí at Chief Superintendent/Superintendent level take a 'hands on' approach to spectator safety and patron's enjoyment. Garda are in the Stadia from the beginning of the event. PSNI take a 'risk- based approach' to their deployment of resources internal to the stadium.
- 1.13 There is an acceptance by all of the key agencies and communities that there is a requirement to close roads, including major routes, to all traffic in advance of major events to ensure the safety and enjoyment of both spectators and communities. In such circumstances pragmatic practical arrangements are put in place to facilitate community and emergency services access.



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**Meeting Number:** 26 (General Business) - DRAFT

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 21 November 2017

**Location:** Causeway Exchange, BELFAST

**Present:** [REDACTED] (Chair)  
**Members:** [REDACTED] (BCC)  
[REDACTED] (BCC)  
[REDACTED] (NIAS)  
[REDACTED] (Sport NI)  
[REDACTED] (PSNI)  
[REDACTED] (PSNI)  
[REDACTED] (PSNI)  
[REDACTED] (UCGAA)  
[REDACTED] (JM)  
[REDACTED] (SGSA)

**Chair Support/Secretariat:** [REDACTED] (DfC)  
[REDACTED] (DfC)

**Apologies:** [REDACTED] (IFA)

[REDACTED] (NIFRS)  
[REDACTED] (NIFRS)  
[REDACTED] (PSNI)  
[REDACTED] (SGSA)

## Welcome / Introductions

The Chair welcomed all members to the meeting and apologies were noted.

### 1.0 Programme of meetings (January- June 2018)

1.1 Members agreed on dates as proposed. Secretariat to circulate these via email appointments.

### 2.0 Reflection on Educational Visit to Dublin- 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Those members that participated in the visit made the following general observations:

2. 1 There is a strong collaborative approach between the relevant bodies in event planning and safety management, a focus on community and a regionally significant perspective on events held at the respective stadia

2.2 The Republic of Ireland (ROI) does not have a formal certification process for stadia. It was observed that while the associated collaborative working is very positive this approach risks blurring where liabilities lie.

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- 2.3 PSNI noted the use of a risk based deployment strategy in NI, while Garda are in the stadium from the beginning of the event.
- 2.4 The approach to event management training for Garda was noted. PSNI indicated that they are benchmarking against this. They also noted that the relationship between Garda and the Stadium Safety officer was one that should be emulated across all stadia.
- 2.5 It was noted that a separate budget exists in RoI for policing at sports grounds but in NI this comes from the normal budget for policing. There was a collective acceptance that this is a matter of wider public policy.
- 2.6 STG members were encouraged by the collaborative approach and particularly the collective responsibility for the event plan. The GAA advised that slides from the day will be forwarded to the STG secretariat in due course.
- 2.7 Members noted the offer from all parties met that the option exists to follow up on matters either collectively or specific to their own work area, as and when required.
- 2.8 It was agreed that the STG secretariat would compile the lessons learned including the points above as a paper for the next STG meeting.

### **3.0 A.O.B**

5.1 KS notified the group of a number of forthcoming events:

- ESSMA Summit on 16 & 17 January in the Aviva Stadium, Dublin
- DfC Northern Ireland Safety Conference on 23 March in Belfast
- SGSA Conference on 19 April in Manchester

**Workshop No 26**  
**Regional Stadia Programme - STG Casement Park**  
**Date: Tuesday 21 November 2017**  
**Venue: Causeway Exchange, Belfast**

**Workshop Number:** 26 (Casement Park) - DRAFT

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 21 November 2017

**Location:** Causeway Exchange, BELFAST

**Present:** [REDACTED] (Chair)  
**Members:** [REDACTED] (BCC)  
[REDACTED] (BCC)  
[REDACTED] (NIAS)  
[REDACTED] (Sport NI)  
[REDACTED] (PSNI)  
[REDACTED] (PSNI)  
[REDACTED] (PSNI)  
[REDACTED] (PSNI)  
[REDACTED] (UCGAA)  
[REDACTED] (Casement Park, Safety Officer)  
[REDACTED] (SGSA)

**Chair Support/Secretariat:** [REDACTED] (DfC)  
[REDACTED] (DfC)

**Apologies:** [REDACTED] (NIFRS)  
[REDACTED] (NIFRS)  
[REDACTED] (PSNI)  
[REDACTED] (SGSA)

### Welcome / Introductions

The Chair welcomed all members to the workshop and apologies were noted.

### 1.0 Update on Blue Light Agencies Response Plan

1.1 [REDACTED] provided a comprehensive presentation on PSNI's work on the draft plan, the following key points were noted:

- 1.1.1 The main focus of work to date has been normal ingress and egress. This has establish a circa 18,000 capacity cut off below which no management intervention is required. This was carried out in full coordination with DfI and the GAA traffic consultant and traffic management company. He thanked the GAA for their full support the availability of the consultants and for sharing their considerable gathered data.
- 1.1.2 Road closures, to include a closure of the Andersonstown Road for approximately 2 - 2 1/2 hours, to facilitate safe egress from the stadium will be carried out using existing legislation through the Department for Infrastructure.

- 1.1.3 The Department have agreed to enable this legislation within 2-3 months using RSPPG (Road Safety Policy Procedure Guidelines) which [REDACTED] will assist the Department in drafting up. This will also write up a protocol which will not be specific to Casement Park but appropriate to IFA , Ulster Rugby and other event organisers.
- 1.1.4 A range of alternative signposted routes are currently being explored to minimise the impact of the closure of the Andersonstown Road on local residents.
- 1.1.5 Emergency services will always be able to take the most direct route to an emergency
- 1.1.6 A three way management structure will be deployed around the stadium on match days to consist of GAA Volunteers, private management company and PSNI officers.
- 1.1.7 Engagement will continue between UCGAA, DFI, PSNI and residents to further develop plans and management structures throughout the process to include parking protocol, alignment with BRT and managing security risks through tactical plans.
- 1.1.8 The next step will be to look at the resources required to implement this plan, It is hopeful that this exercise will be completed in January 2018.
- 1.1.9 [REDACTED] indicated that the plan is doable subject to enabling items,he intends to hold a table top exercise in the coming weeks with the relevant agencies to test plans and move the plans on from theory into practical application. [REDACTED] has asked for STG Secretariat assistance with the organisation of this event.
- 1.1.10 PSNI advised that clarity will be required on net and secure mounting points, and this should come with further development.
- 1.1.11 [REDACTED] acknowledged the positive progress PSNI have made and offered UCGAA's continued support during this phase.
- 1.1.12 The Chair acknowledged the work of the PSNI to date and asked for PSNI to continue to update the group as further progress is made. He indicated that based on the current progress he would aim to submit a draft update report to the STG in January.

No.	Action Point	Completion Date	Assigned to:	Comments:
1	SB to work with AD/IC to arrange table top exercise some time in December 2017.	December. 2017	[REDACTED]	

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**Meeting No 26**  
**Regional Stadia Programme - STG Casement Park**  
**Date: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017**  
**Venue: Causeway Exchange, Belfast**

**Meeting Number:** 26 (Casement Park) - DRAFT

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017

**Location:** Causeway Exchange, BELFAST

**Present:**  
**Members:**



(Chair)  
(BCC)  
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(NIAS)  
(Sport NI)  
(PSNI)  
(PSNI)  
(PSNI)  
(UCGAA)  
(JM)  
(SGSA)

**Chair Support/Secretariat:**



(DfC)  
(DfC)

**Apologies:**



(NIFRS)  
(NIFRS)  
(PSNI)  
(SGSA)

## Welcome / Introductions

The Chair welcomed all members to the meeting and apologies were noted.


### 1.0 Agree Minutes 26th September 2017


1.1 Minutes agreed without amendment

### 2.0 Review Actions 26th September 2017

2.1 Actions were updated as per table below

### 3.0 GAA Programme Update

3.1  gave a comprehensive update on the programme, confirming that the design team are expected to have the full design completed by 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

3.2  advised that UCGAA are in the process of preparing a report on their participation and engagement with the STG for inclusion as part of Environmental Assessment additional information requested by the planners.

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- 3.3 [REDACTED] outlined the continued engagements with the DFI Planning and noted the planners were awaiting one outstanding statutory consultation response by the PSNI
- 3.4 [REDACTED] confirmed the design coordination was now at a stage to facilitate the Tri-lateral (BCC, SGSA, UCGAA) workshop to discuss Crowd Modelling matters. STG secretariat to arrange.

### 4.0 External Information Requests

- 4.1 [REDACTED] confirmed [REDACTED] have a number of ongoing requests for information particularly related to the work of the Movement Consultant.

No.	Action Point	Completion Date	Assigned to:	Comments:
1	Croke Park & Aviva Stadium Dublin visit	Sept 2017	[REDACTED]	Completed
2	Tri-lateral (BCC, SGSA, UCGAA) workshop to be arranged in due course by Secretariat to discuss Crowd Modelling matters	December 2017	[REDACTED]	GAA Design Team close to completing their work. [REDACTED] to Liaise with [REDACTED] to arrange a suitable date for this tri-lateral (pre-Christmas if possible)

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 December 2017 15:35  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (DfC)  
**Subject:** STG: 21 November 2017: Meeting minutes and Workshop Outputs  
**Attachments:** STG 21 November 2017- [REDACTED]  
Minutes 21st November 2017 (final).DOCX; STG Casement Park Workshop- 21  
November 2017 (final).DOCX; STG General Business Minutes- 21 November 2017  
(final).DOCX; [REDACTED]

Dear All

Please find attached STG minutes and workshop outputs from 21 November 2017 meeting.

Regards

[REDACTED]  
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Engaged Communities Group  
Department for Communities  
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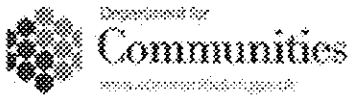
**Subject:** Safety Technical Group: Minutes & Workshop Outputs

Dear All

Please be advised that the Minutes & Workshop Outputs from the 21 November meeting are now available to download on Box.

Best Regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 16 October 2017 11:56  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** LA04/2017/0474/F - Casement Park Planning Consultation

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to the above and further to our telephone conversation last week.

Please find attached copy of the consultation issued to PSNI on 9 June 2017. Our IT Department has advised that consultations are set up to issue to PSNI – Road Policing Unit and the email address for notifications is [REDACTED]. The name registered for the account is [REDACTED].

I trust you find this helpful.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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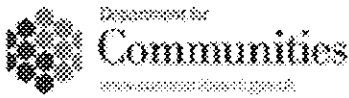
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**Subject:** RE: STG 19th Feb 2018 9.30am Causeway Exchange  
**Attachments:** STG Update to Planning Stage Assurance Report.docx

Dear all

The draft STG Update Report – Stockmans Lane Roundabout attached as you don't have access to box

Regards  
[Redacted] **Infrastructure Planning, Delivery & Support Unit | Department for Communities**  
Level 7 | Causeway Exchange | 1 - 7 Bedford Street | Belfast | BT2 7EG  
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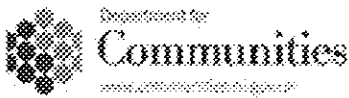
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**Subject:** RE: STG 19th Feb 2018 9.30am Causeway Exchange

Dear all

As the PSNI don't have access to Box please find the agenda for the next STG attached.

Also attached is [Redacted] Ziggurat Strait report with Danny and my comments tracked. Can you please confirm if you are content for this to be tabled on Monday, if so I will share with the wide STG group.

Regards  
[Redacted] **Infrastructure Planning, Delivery & Support Unit | Department for Communities**  
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**Subject:** STG 19th Feb 2018 9.30am Causeway Exchange

Dear all

The next STG meeting agenda has been loaded to box under General Business Meeting No.20 19.02.2018

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will forward you a link to Box.

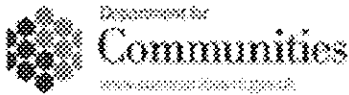
Regards

**Andrew Bailey, Project Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Delivery & Support Unit | Department for Communities**

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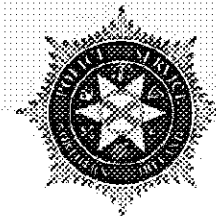
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**ALAN TODD**  
**ASSISTANT CHIEF CONSTABLE, DISTRICT POLICING COMMAND**

Department for Infrastructure  
Strategic Planning Division  
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Our Ref: NI1418 / 2346562  
Your Ref: LA04/2017/0474/F  
12 February 2018

Dear Sir / Madam

**PSNI Planning response to the Redevelopment of  
Casement Park**

Casement Park  
88-104 Andersonstown Road  
Belfast

**Department for infrastructure Reference no: LA04/2017/0474/F**

The following is a PSNI response to the development consultation process for the Casement Park Stadium development.

The PSNI sit alongside the NIAS and NIFRS within the Safety Technical Group of the Regional Stadium Development Programme as advisors on issues that the development may have on the capability of emergency services to respond to matters during an event, or in an emergency including up to a full evacuation. They have also considered the impact of large crowds moving to and from the stadium and their capacity to respond to matters not related to the event but the surrounding area. The PSNI deal specifically with policing matters including, Traffic Management, Criminal Justice and Civil Contingencies. As part of this work the PSNI have engaged with the STG and have sought and been assured around a number of areas of concern. These areas included; transport of large crowds to and from the event in normal circumstances. The car parking plans and the community impact of such numbers arriving into the area, this included the safety and security of persons attending the event both inside the ground and in the surrounding areas. In addition the PSNI has reviewed the plans for a full or partial evacuation into the surrounding streets and towards a place of safety following an emergency situation. These assurances were provided by private Traffic Management consultants and quality assured by PSNI. The crowd movement and evacuation plans have been reviewed by a private crowd



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movement consultant and they have shown the plans can be enabled with a number of traffic management and crowd movement solutions.

The current plans have been explored during a multi-agency table top exercise which took place on Thursday 25th January 2018 in the Lesley Exchange Building, Belfast.

The PSNI can respond to the planning request as follows:-

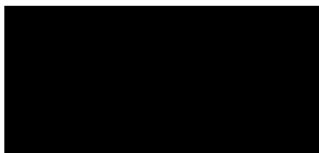
We are reassured that the plans to date would provide sufficient and effective coverage for the emergency services in respect of responding to an incident within or nearby the development site.

At this stage of the development process the PSNI are assured that the issues of concern have been addressed and appropriate processes are in place to mitigate identified risks. These can be further managed by putting in the following conditions as part of the Section 76 Planning Act requirements:-

- Retention of a suitable Traffic Management Company to develop and implement agreed traffic management plans.
- A functional intermediate validation system for the proposed electronic ticketing system that meets the requirements of crowd management controls.
- Acquire and retain the services of an appropriately trained/Experienced Event Safety Officer.
- There is an effective event evaluation process in place.
- The overall transport plan is supported by an evidence based reassurance document that the proposed car parking venues can support the traffic management plan.
- There is reassurance around the transport plans for disability access to the ground.
- Any requirement for road closures will be the responsibility of the venue owner/applicant upon submission of a temporary traffic regulation order via DfI Roads.
- Infrastructure exists that meets and delivers on the crowd modelling plans provided for a full evacuation in an emergency situation.

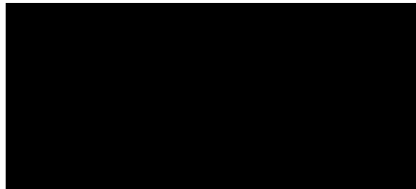
This concludes the planning response consideration submitted by the PSNI.

Yours faithfully



**ALAN TODD**  
Assistant Chief Constable

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**ASSISTANT CHIEF CONSTABLE, DISTRICT POLICING COMMAND**



Our Ref: 2364869

Your Ref: LA04/2017/047/4/F

13 March 2018

Dear 

Thank you for your email of 20 February 2018.

Your comments are noted, however, the report you refer to only formed part of our considerations along with input from other sources and partners.

I am content with the validity of PSNI's overall assessment in this matter.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

**ALAN TODD**  
Assistant Chief Constable





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Our Ref: 2339250

Your Ref:

1 February 2018

Dear 

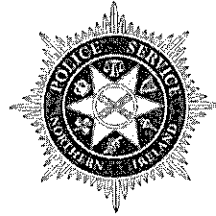
Thank you for your letter of 27 January 2018 concerning the proposed redevelopment of Casement Park and for sight of the MORA objection document.

This has been forwarded to the relevant PSNI operational lead, who is preparing our response to the statutory consultation. On completion of his work, I will have oversight of all the material that has been considered by PSNI and will approve our final response as a statutory consultee.

Yours sincerely



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Assistant Chief Constable



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Our Ref: 2309864

Your Ref:

18 December 2017

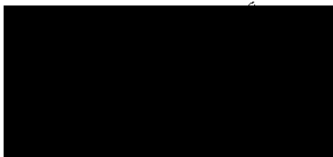
Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to the current application reference LA04/2017/0474/F – relating to the re-development of Casement Park.

I understand that this matter is currently under consideration by your Department/Division.

This letter is to advise you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland are represented on and participate in the Safety Technical Group and that our views in respect of this application will be contained within the formal response from that group.

Yours sincerely



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