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SDLP CALL FOR BELFAST PARADE AND DEMONSTRATION REVIEW

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SDLP West Belfast MLA Alex Attwood has this morning contacted the Parades Commission to ask the commission to review the determinations around Sundays British Army parade and Sinn Fein's counter demonstration in Belfast.

Mr Attwood stated:

“I have this morning contacted and written to the Parades Commission requesting a review of the determinations made in respect of Sunday's parade and protest. Over the last number of days public opinion around Sunday has escalated. The Parades Commission and everyone else should take some time, assess how best to go forward, and consider the impact on community relations and political stability in the city of Belfast. The SDLP does not have the power to resolve the differing views of Sunday's events. However, the Parades Commission should now create the breathing space and the opportunity to ease the tension that is now building.

In the last 24 hours I have been making private contacts with some of the people who have an interest in this matter. It may well be that not all issues of dispute can be resolved but it may be possible to change the environment around Sunday in such a way that may be better for Belfast and better for all.”

ENDS

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