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### STATEMENT FROM THE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE

The Northern Ireland Office has requisitioned two areas of land adjacent to the Security Forces base at Crossmaglen, both of which are essential as part of improvements to security and living conditions within the base. To ensure that the Security Forces have legal right of way to these areas an access road has also been requisitioned.

Possible alternatives to this course of action were carefully considered and the actual land requirement has been kept to the minimum. The access road also serves as the main approach from Crossmaglen to the GAA Football Ground but there is absolutely no intention to restrict the access which Club members currently enjoy, nor to dispossess them of their football pitch.

No inconvenience to the townspeople is foreseen but should the additional traffic cause deterioration to the access roadway, the authorities will of course ensure that it is restored to at least its present condition.

The requisitioned areas comprise an unoccupied house and its back garden running along the side of the base and a separate block of land made up of the ends of four long, uncultivated gardens.