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Dear Mr Angus

UDG APPLICATION : M DAVITTS, 75-77 FALLS ROAD, BELFAST - G A CLUB

As part of the campaign to revitalise the inner city and to upgrade the environmental appearance of our Arterial Routes, an enhanced rate of Urban Development Grant, ie 75% is currently available to the owners/tenants of properties in those areas. One such Arterial Route is the Falls Road and we are at present dealing with an application for grant-aid in respect of the premises at nos 75 and 77 Falls Road.

The application has been lodged by G A Kelly & Co, Architects, of 779 Antrim Road on behalf of M Davitts, Gaelic Athletic Club. The Club intend to carry out external improvements as well as creating club rooms, committee rooms etc inside, all work which the Department would normally support and usually grant-aid.

As part of our consultation process the comments of the Belfast Development Office were sought and I have now been advised that members of para-military organisations frequent these premises and that there have been instances of assaults on members of the RUC, and army personnel at the club premises during searches.

In view of this information would the Department be creating problems for itself, and perhaps others, by processing this application for Urban Development Grant.

Yours faithfully

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