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Some of the Army's best-loved regimental marches could be missing from this Sunday's homecoming parade through Belfast, it has emerged.

Instead of iconic tunes such as Killaloe, it is expected that regimental bands taking part in the controversial parade through Belfast city centre will play hymns and other music instead.

The Ministry of Defence declined to confirm whether such a move will be made, but said that the music played on the day would be "respectful" of the event and would reflect the involvement of all three branches of the Armed Services.

Former Ulster Defence Regiment officer and Castlereagh councillor Michael Copeland said he was angered and alarmed at the prospect.

"When you go to see a military parade you expect to see it done properly in accordance with tradition," he said.

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What are these?

"If it was a church parade it would be one thing and it's not a church parade. It is not the norm — regimental marches are played and are almost a central component.

"The vast number of people attending this parade and wishing to acknowledge the service personnel will be expecting to see a parade exactly the same as those taking place elsewhere. A feature of parades of this nature are regimental marches.

"Any decision to restrict the type of music played would be a departure from that which is considered normal."

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 Sean

As we say over here in Chicago

If you dont like it! LEAVE. No one is forcing you to stay.

*Posted by John | 31.10.08, 12:30 GMT*

 PATHETIC.

Now they are considering banning Regimental marches so as not to upset protesters. Protesters who should not be allowed there in the first place.

These brave men and women from all sides of the community are going to end up coming home to a complete shambles.

THANK YOU PARADE COMMISSION. You should be ashamed.

*Posted by John | 31.10.08, 12:27 GMT*


 Well Heather

Technically they are british citizens standing up for british rights

They are just british citizens who don't want to be british citizens exercising the right so long denied them

Thats the problem with freedom, you don't get to force the results


*Posted by Sean | 31.10.08, 11:02 GMT*

 They should play Amarillo Peter Kay version - you know like they did in Iraq. They are such good fun these soldiers. Oh how

I laughed. Shame can't say the shame about the thousands of innocent Iraqis killed in an illegal war for oil.

*Posted by Lenny D8 | 31.10.08, 04:40 GMT*

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 This is totally disgraceful that the parade this Sunday will not be playing traditional regimental marches. After all this is a military parade. What next? - British Forces will not be permitted to wear their uniform with pride? I am so angry that republicans seem to be laying down the law here - it's about time the British Government stood up to these threats. We are British citizens and demand British rights ! !

Heather ..... Belfast

*Posted by heather1690@msn.com | 31.10.08, 02:55 GMT*

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