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Mr Donaldson: Young people in Northern Ireland want a better future, and they do not want that future damaged by the horrors of the past. The national stadium is one of the visionary projects that we want to develop in Northern Ireland. Will the Deputy First Minister assure me — and my constituents — that there will be no shrine associated with any stadium in Northern Ireland commemorating any cause or seeking to bring the past into the future?

The Deputy First Minister: We confirm that there are no proposals to establish a shrine at the Maze/Long Kesh: that is not part of our intention. The master-plan proposals for the regeneration of the site envisage a wide range of uses, including a multi-sports stadium, an international centre for conflict transformation, as well as provision for employment, leisure and housing in addition to key transport and other infrastructure.

The master-plan proposals for the international centre for conflict transformation reflected the unanimous recommendations of a multi-party consultation panel.

The panel recommended that the centre should provide a facility for research and education, and create the opportunity to contribute to the management, resolution and transformation of conflicts internationally.