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Elliott expresses dismay at removal of Poppy Day Bomb Tribute

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Ulster Unionist assemblyman Tom Elliott has expressed his dismay as a workplace memorial to the victims of the 1987 Remembrance Day bombing faces demands to be removed.

It is believed that some fire service staff are demanding that a photograph of the eleven people murdered in the 1987 Enniskillen Remembrance Day bomb be taken down from the Enniskillen base.

Cllr. Elliott explains: "It has been indicated that certain staff members are pressing for the photograph to be taken off the wall as it offends them. I am aghast that a simple tribute like this can be targeted in such a sectarian way, and I urge those concerned not to bow to this absurd pressure in order to appear politically correct."

In the aftermath of one of the troubles' most infamous atrocities community relations in Enniskillen improved greatly and a floodgate of anti-IRA feeling was opened around the globe as Sinn Fein found itself increasingly isolated.

Cllr. Elliott concluded: "Removal of the memorial would be an insult to the memory of the people who lost their lives in this attack and those who suffered as a result of it. Yielding to this small minority of staff would be a real blot on the good working relationship currently enjoyed among many of the fire crew members in the county, which ensures the provision of this essential service to the whole community."

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