Calm Required At Homecoming Parade

Ulster Unionist deputy Leader Danny Kennedy, MLA, has appealed for calm in light of the mounting concern surrounding the Homecoming Parade scheduled for Sunday:

"The organisation of a protest march by Sinn Fein, which coincides with the Homecoming Parade, is highly provocative, but I ask people to remain calm and refrain from actions that may in anyway inflame an already tense situation - everyone must behave in a responsible manner".

"The Homecoming Parade is purely an opportunity for people to say thanks to the servicemen and women who have carried out their duties on our behalf with great bravery. There is nothing triumphalist about the Homecoming Parade and I think that Sinn Fein have made a serious error of judgement which I hope that, even at this late stage, they will reconsider and abandon their protest".

"In many respects Sinn Fein members have exposed themselves to being actively intolerant of different traditions and communities. Future proclamations by Sinn Fein about a 'Shared Future', in which people can express their identity and traditions without fear of being abused, will ring hollow if this protest goes ahead".

"I would urge people not to be provoked by Sinn Fein's actions - people should welcome our services' personnel home with the utmost dignity and respect and behave in an according manner".