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**Offensive behaviour from Sinn Fein youth wing**

South Down Ulster Unionist Assembly Member John McCallister has described the actions of the Sinn Fein youth wing at their conference in Newcastle at the weekend as "A Repulsive Show of Arrogance and Ignorance."

"I fully condemn the latest actions and words of this so-called Political Youth Group. It is preposterous for them to claim that the IRA fought a justifiable war in any sense. It is also obvious to everyone that their visit to the Narrow Water site where 18 soldiers were murdered in cold blood by IRA criminals was a clear confirmation that this organisation has no interest in looking forward and working for a shared future in Northern Ireland. This sort of foolish propaganda can only ignite the hatred and backward thinking that we have come to expect from the Sinn Fein Youth Wing."

Mr McCallister concluded by saying "Attempting to endorse an act of terror by visiting the site of an appalling act of murder carried out by evil terrorists is sick and extremely offensive to the Unionist population of South Down, and indeed the whole country. I strongly condemn these terrible actions, which are intentionally trying to break community relationships, and I would like to remind this organisation that the people of Northern Ireland year after year democratically rejected the IRA and organisations like it."

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