

I am therefore requesting information as follows:

- Is it now proposed to redevelop Casement Park with a permanent net seating capacity of at least 30,000?
- If the permanent seating capacity is now proposed to be at least 30,000:
  - What number of permanent seats would be added to the permitted 26,013?
  - What would be the revised number of standing spectators, if any, in the permanent stadium design, for use at events pre- or post the Euro 2028 Finals?
  - Would the net permanent total stadium capacity have to be reduced below 34,188 to facilitate the substitution of permanent seating accommodation for a standing terrace?
  - What would be the permanent reduction in net spectator capacity?
- Alternatively, if the permanent seating capacity is to remain at the approved 26,013, has UEFA granted an exemption for the installation of temporary seating at a redeveloped Casement Park for the purpose of hosting the Euro 2028 Finals tournament?
- If such an exemption has been granted, what number of temporary seats would need to be installed?
- Has UEFA granted an exemption to permit the use of standing spectator capacity at Casement Park for the Euro 2028 Finals, i.e., the admission of non-seated spectators?

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## **ACCESS TO INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your email, dated 23 October 2023, in which you requested the below information.

The Department has addressed your request under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR 2004).

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  - What would be the permanent reduction in net spectator capacity?

**Response: The Department does not hold information on proposals to redevelop Casement Park with a permanent net seating capacity of at least 30,000.**

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**Response: The Department does not hold information on a UEFA exemption for the installation of temporary seating, nor on a UEFA exemption to permit the use of standing spectator capacity at Casement Park.**

If you are dissatisfied with this response and wish to request a review of our decision or make a complaint about how your request has been handled, you may ask for an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. You should write to the Information Access Manager, Department for Communities, Level 5, Nine Lanyon Place, BELFAST, BT1 3LP, or send an email to [foi@communities-ni.gov.uk](mailto:foi@communities-ni.gov.uk).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a review of our original decision.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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