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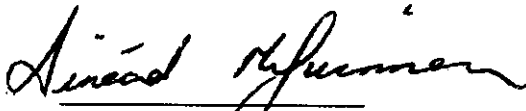
Dear Ms. Kelly,

I am directed by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, Mr. Brian Lenihan, T.D., to refer to your letter of 23 October 2007 regarding the siting of a new Garda Station in Citywest/Fortunestown, Dublin 24.

The detailed allocation of Garda resources, including decisions on accommodation requirements, is a matter for the Garda Commissioner in accordance with his identified operational requirements. In the case of Garda buildings such decisions are taken in co-operation with the Office of Public Works (OPW) - the body in which ownership of the majority of the properties is vested.

The Minister has been informed by the Garda authorities that the accommodation requirements for policing the Tallaght area will be best met by the re-development of the existing site at the Square. The Commissioners of Public Works are appraising the existing site, in consultation with the local authority, with a view to maximising its development potential for the State. Planning is underway for a major development of the site to include all Garda requirements for Tallaght. It is expected that the necessary planning process will be initiated shortly. Consideration is also being given to the provision of a new Courthouse adjacent to the Garda station.

Yours sincerely,


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